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# 'CW bill prioritizes long-term workers'

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The recently passed NMI U.S. Workforce Act that is currently awaiting U.S. President Donald Trump's signature does not only ensure a 10-

year extension and added slots to the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program, but it also ensures that long-term immigrant workers in the CNMI are taken care of first.

During the weekly Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday, Alex Sablan, guest speaker and Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp.

chairman, informed Rotarians that the fight to stabilize the CNMI's immigrant workforce is nearing its end and shared how thankful he was.

"At the end of the day, we are at the end of our road here and hopefully by July 10, President Trump will sign the leg-

islation into law and we will get the 13,000 CW workers on the current bill and we will get an extension until 2029...we are just very thankful that we have this legislation moving forward," he said

"With that 13,000 there See CW on Page 4

## Tropical Depression 10W to intensify and become tropical storm

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Tropical Depression 10W was slowly consolidating southeast of the Marianas as of late yesterday afternoon and is forecast to gradually intensify and become a tropical storm today, Wednesday.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
Rain water starts to collect behind the stage for Liberation Day Parade as Tropical Depression 10W brought rain to the CNMI yesterday.

## Rota delegation, Torres welcome STAR Marianas

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Both the Rota Legislative Delegation and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres welcomed air services from a Tinian-based airline to serve Rota after the pull out of United Airlines in June 2018.

"This is welcoming news

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## Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band marches on as music ambassadors

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Fifty-seven men in uniform from the Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band—with musical instruments in tow—are on Saipan ready to play music and

Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band members Warrant Officer Steve Talbot (lead conductor) and Gunnery Sergeant James Holt (drum major and saxophonist) are on Saipan to perform at the 2018 Liberation Day festival.

BEA CABRERA

march to the beat in this year's Liberation Day celebrations.

The band was established since the days of the Revolutionary War where they had the drums and fife leading the troop marines into battle and

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Green Meadow Schools students showcased their acting, dancing, and singing skills during the Campers Got Talent Season 8 held last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

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The 12 boys and soccer coach found in a partially flooded cave in northern Thailand after 10 days are mostly in stable medical condition.

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### LIFE & STYLE

Harvey Weinstein was charged Monday with a sex crime against a third woman, as New York prosecutors continue building cases against the former Hollywood studio boss.

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# Local

## PH honorary consul, 9 others take oath as new US citizens

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Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio "Eli" Del Mundo Arago and nine others joined yesterday more than 14,000 other individuals in taking their oath of allegiance and reciting the pledge of allegiance as new U.S. citizens in

175 naturalization ceremonies across the nation.

"It's a dream come true," Arago said in an interview.

Arago said the citizenship legitimized his more than 30 years of stay in the CNMI.

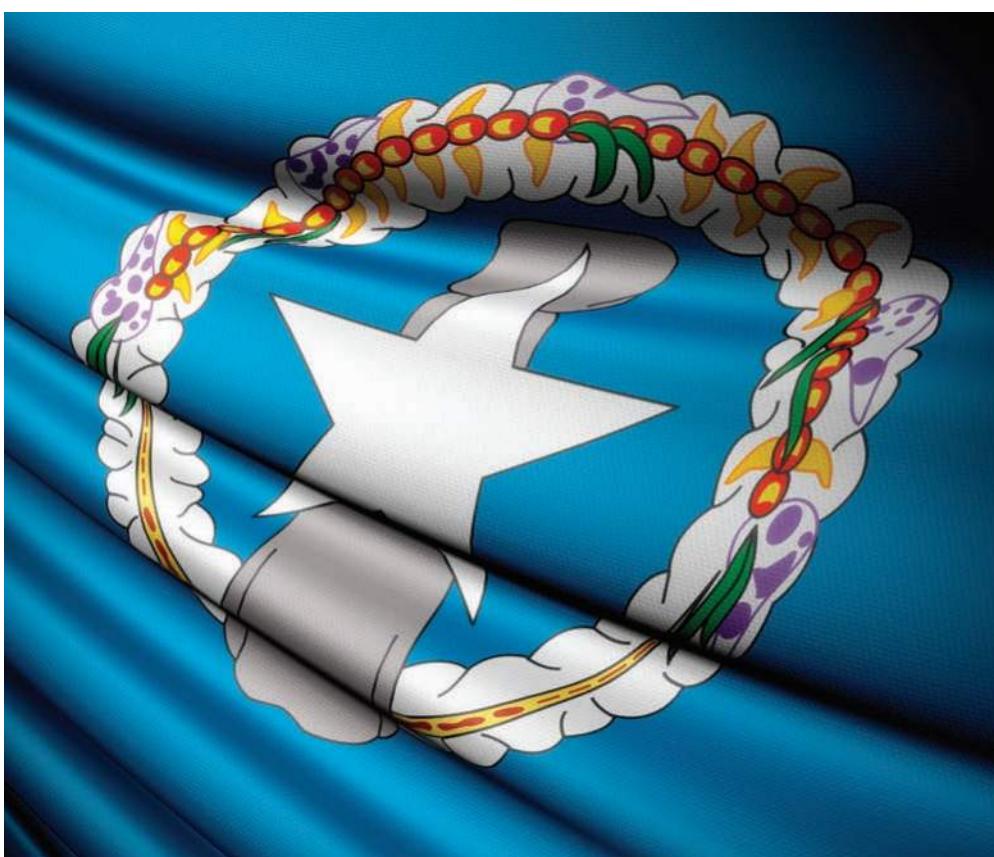
Arago, who hails from Batangas, Philippines, arrived on Saipan to work with Tan Holdings in 1986. He is cur-

rently the senior vice president of Tan Holdings Corp.

"I have spent one half of my life here," he said.

A U.S. citizen can still be a Philippine honorary consul so Arago's designation will not be affected with his new citizenship.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona welcomed the



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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), and Immigration Services officer Teresa Vega-Murrieta pose with 10 new U.S. citizens during yesterday's naturalization ceremony.

new citizens during the naturalization ceremony held in the eve of the Independence Day celebration.

Manglona granted Immigration Services officer Teresa Vega-Murrieta's motion to accept the 10 individuals as new citizens.

Keynote speaker Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sa-

blan (Ind-MP) told the new citizens that they made a major decision that changed their and family's course when they decided to move to the Marianas.

"You packed up your life and left everything behind. Whether you made the move for work, love, family, adventure, or simply a better life—it was a courageous step," Sa-

blan said.

He said like millions of immigrants before them and so many people in the Marianas today, the new citizens chose to become citizens.

"That took courage," he said.

The delegate said each of the new citizens has own

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The Bureau Environmental Health has ordered the closure of 360 Restaurant in Susupe and CYC Store in Kagman for serious violations of health and sanitation standards.

360 Restaurant was closed last June 21 and was allowed to reopen last June 26, while CYC Store was shuttered last June 19 and resumed operations last June 22.

The closure of the two establishments was part of BEH's conduct of sanitary inspections during the month of June 2018. It periodically conducts sanitary inspections on retail, eating, and drinking establishments on Saipan.

BEH conducted a total of 40 sanitary inspections last month and their grades are as follows:

### GRADE "A"

- LA Tax Free Shop, Chalan LauLau
- Skyway Restaurant, Airport Road
- ABC Stores 701, Garapan
- Relox Bar, Garapan
- Boss Karaoke, Garapan
- Dolphin Mart, San Jose
- Cery Store, Fina Sisu
- Godfather's, Garapan
- ABC Store 702, Garapan
- Jed's BBQ & Grill, Chalan Kanoa
- Korean Restaurant, Garapan
- Chamorrita Restaurant, Koblerville
- Mango Resort Restaurant, As Perdido

Doctor's retirement marks end of Guam abortion providers

**HAGATNA, Guam** (AP)—Guam no longer has physicians performing abortions following the recent retirement of a doctor.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports Dr. William Freeman of the Women's Clinic has been the island's only abortion provider since late 2016.

Freeman retired in May, leaving the clinic to Dr. Jeffrey Gabel who took over last month.

Gabel says he doesn't conduct abortions and he doesn't support abortions made at will.

Department of Public Health and Social Services officials say the agency doesn't refer clients or patients for abortion services, and they know of no other abortion providers on the island.

Attorney Anita Arriola, an advocate for abortion rights, says the lack of abortion providers may put women at risk or force them to go to great lengths to terminate unwanted pregnancies.

- Spicy Thai Noodle Place, Garapan
- Connie's BBQ, Susupe
- Plumeria Store II, Chalan LauLau
- US Market, Garapan
- Vegetables Plus, Navy Hill
- Gold's Gym Fitness, Chi-na Town
- Barney's Pizza, Susupe
- Pizza Hut, Gualo Rai
- Shell Retail, Gualo Rai
- Shell Retail, Airport Rd.
- Shell Retail, Dandan
- CMart, Chalan Kanoa
- Halal Pizza, San Antonio
- J's Restaurant, Gualo Rai
- Kinpachi, Garapan (Res.)

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# Torres announces administrative leave for tomorrow

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres authorized yesterday qualified public sector employees to take an administrative leave for tomorrow in celebration of the 73rd Annual Liberation Day

the Liberation Day festivities. Torres, in a memorandum yesterday, authorized non-critical employees of the Commonwealth public sector to take an administrative leave tomorrow in celebration of the 73rd Annual Liberation Day

Festivities.

"Liberation Day is a celebration of our progress together as one Commonwealth. For over seven decades our islands have endured remarkable challenges and transformative changes. From the

closure of Camp Susupe to the signing of our Covenant with the United States to the economic progress we see today, 73 years of freedom represents our journey together to the future," he wrote.

"We remember those who

wealth in the date of legislation enactment and what it will provide for is priority for applications..." he said.

Sablan said that the Workforce Act states that individuals that have already been given a CW-1 visa in the prior fiscal year will be prioritized and will be allowed to submit their CW renewal applications six months earlier than knew applicants.

"What it allows for is individuals that are already permitted in the Commonwealth...six months in advance application for employers and employees and for all new hires, they will have to submit in 120 days of the fiscal year ending and so what that does is gives prior-

Sablan said that the legislation will also serve as a gateway to an increase in wages for immigrant workers given that the legislation helps im-

prove the CNMI's economy.

"We are in a different economy and wages must go exponentially higher based on what our economy is able to establish so we pressed and pushed for establishing a prevailing wage within the CW system and that will inevitably raise wages exponentially for all" he said.

"We see wages exponentially for all locations as our economy continues to improve and so on that... I think we will do well for the new law...we may need to take a look at it again down the road based on the numbers, but at the end of the day we are very, very thankful to all the leadership of the Commonwealth," he added.

Sablan advised the new citizens that as they take their oath and swear allegiance to the country, to let courage continue to be their guide.

"Be bold and brave in your citizenship. Pursue your education or career goals. Start a business. Serve your commu-

nity. Vote," he said.

"Remember that in America, and here in the Marianas, you are valued. Your talents, experiences, and perspective enrich our community, and make us stronger as a nation," Sablan said.

Aside from Arago, the nine

other new citizens are Elena Pavlovna Alexandrova, Cornelio Dimaranan Alomia, Sirwan Camacho, Merni Beck Geisinger, Kaiwen Lin, Celedonio Quezada Manibo, Dante Gaffud Pantaleon Jr., Qiuna Ren Taitano, and Quiping Ma Waki.

24 to 36 hours, according to the U.S. National Weather Service Guam.

A tropical storm warning was also in effect for Guam.

NMS said tropical storm conditions, including damaging winds of 39mph or more, are expected within 24 hours in Guam.

Packing maximum sustained winds at 30mph, Tropi-

cal Depression 10W was moving northwest at 10mph.

As of 4pm yesterday, the center of Tropical Depression 10W was 240 miles southeast of Guam, 255 miles southeast of Rota, 295 miles south-southeast of Tinian, and 300 miles south-southeast of Saipan.

The tropical depression caused rains in the CNMI

yesterday morning and late afternoon.

NWS advised the public of precautionary measures to prepare for increasing winds by securing loose outdoor items and canopies.

NWS urged mariners to make all necessary preparations to return to port, seek safe harbor, and secure their craft.

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story of struggle, doubt, perseverance, and success.

"Today we not only celebrate your success: we also celebrate your courage," he said.

## STORM

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As of 5pm yesterday, a tropical storm watch remains in effect for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

It means that tropical storm conditions, including damaging winds of 39 miles per hour or more, are possible within

of our instruments matters to someone and we recognize and respect that. We are just so thankful that people take the time out to listen to us, to let us communicate and share a musical experience with them," Talbot added.

According to Gunnery Sergeant James Holt, who is the drum major and plays the saxophone, the members of the band are all combat-trained Marines.

"We are ready to provide security when needed but we enjoy playing music and supporting the marine forces in the entire Pacific area of responsibility."

"Marine musicians have to audition to be accepted so they have to be physically qualified to meet the demands of recruit training in the Marine Corps and they also have to be talented musically. After recruit and combat training they attend the Naval School of Music for six months and that's where they earn the title

marine musician," he added.

The band is expected to play in three events while on Saipan—one was held yesterday at the American Memorial Park, which featured the jazz combo and brass band. The entire band is scheduled to march in celebration of the Liberation Day parade today at 3pm and back at the American Memorial Park tomorrow, July 5, at 2 pm featuring the jazz combo and brass band. The band will play military songs that promote patriotism as well as original compositions and current pop songs with dance moves.

"Sometimes we are the only Marines that people ever see... I can definitely say that we cherish the opportunity... Certainly for some children it is the first time they've ever heard military music and we take that responsibility with a great sense of pride. There's a lot of travel but it is definitely worth it and I would do this

forever if I could," Talbot said.

"We would like to say thank you for the time and we are honored to be here. We recognize the importance of this day and we hope that everyone can make it out so that we could celebrate together," he added.

Holt likewise recognizes the importance of the Liberation Day that marks the 73rd anniversary of the opening of gates of Camp Susupe. "Liberation Day is always going to have a special place for the United States."

"We would like to think that the Marine Corps and Saipan have a special relationship because of the history of what happened here in 1944. We are honored and humbled to be a part of the tradition. We hope we can uplift the spirits of the people when they see the Marines walk by and remember that the Marine Corps is here to help and we hope that everybody enjoys the celebrations," he added.

from the Governor's Office, however, clarified that the Nutrition Assistance Program office under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will remain open tomorrow, June 5, to distribute benefits for certified households with last names beginning with the letters A to C from 8am to 3pm.

The memorandum further clarified that the NAP Certification Unit Office would also be open tomorrow from 8am to 6pm for recertification of household applicants and application services for new applicants.

## ROTA

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for our community, particularly for our people on Rota. We will continue to support Star Marianas' endeavors and any initiative to address our air transportation needs," Torres said in a statement.

Star Marianas Air announced that they would be serving daily scheduled flights between Rota and Guam beginning July 10. They noted that the announcement comes about after a meeting between the Rota delegation and airline representatives last June 28, 2018. The company noted the presence of Santos, Manglona, and Rep. Glenn Maratita (R-Rota). Sen. Steve Mesongon (R-Rota) chairs the delegation.

"We'd like to thank the members of the Rota delegation for taking the time to meet us and for communicating the community's needs," STAR Marianas Air president Shaun Christian stated in the communication.

The airline currently offers three daily scheduled flights between Saipan and Rota and multiple scheduled flights between Saipan and Tinian.

"STAR Marianas' re-establishing of flights between Guam to Rota and vice-versa is great news to the people, patients, and visitors of Rota alike. The resumption of these flights will provide air passenger services which has been our quest. Thus, we thank

STAR Marianas for considering providing such [services] for our islands," said Santos.

"The people of the CNMI and, most especially, the residents of Rota want to thank Bob and Shaun Christian of STAR Marianas for their understanding and deep concern of the air service crisis facing our islands. Bob has been in this airline business here in the CNMI for decades now, and once again steps up to the plate to help our people. We are all so grateful for these additional flights to Guam. We are so fortunate to have a friend in the airline business who cares," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

The resumption of scheduled flights between Rota and Guam will add to the airline's existing service, which includes three daily scheduled flights between Saipan and Rota and multiple scheduled flights between Saipan and Tinian.

In its announcement the airline wanted to inform the public that there will be a change to its existing mid-day Saipan to Rota flight schedule to accommodate the resumption of Rota-Guam service. More information about the updated schedule will be made available on the company's website [www.starmarianasair.com](http://www.starmarianasair.com) in the coming days.

STAR Marianas Air and United Airlines are the only two U.S. airlines providing scheduled inter-island service within the Marianas. STAR Marianas Air is based on Tinian.

## BEH

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taurant, BBQ Garden, retail)

■ Loco & Taco, Garapan (Restaurant, bar)  
■ Herman's Modern Bakery, Dandan (Bakery, coffee shop, catering, wholesale)  
■ Yaong Corp., Chalan Laulau (Wholesale, retail)  
■ Gold Ribbon, Chalan Piao (Restaurant, catering, bakery)  
■ Pacific Island Club, San Antonio (Magellan, Seaside Grill, employees cafeteria,

coffee shop, Buoy Bar, Beach Side Restaurant, Isla Restaurant, main kitchen, Charley Disco Bar, bakery)

## GRADE "B"

■ Phene BBQ Stand, San Jose  
■ Bossano Bar, Garapan  
■ GIG Discotheque, Garapan  
■ Marianas Water & Ice, Papago  
■ CYC Kagman Market, Kagman  
■ Sunshine Garden, Susupe  
■ Amari's Tavern, San Jose (PR)

## NMTI urges community to avail of programs



JON PEREZ

Northern Marianas Trades Institute chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres, center, joins Triple J Enterprises chair Bob Jones, left, and NMTI board member Mario Valentino in last month's gala at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

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The Northern Marianas Trades Institute has seen a significant increase in enrolment and programs offered under the leadership of its chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres, who continues to encourage the community to be trained in hard vocational trades.

McPhetres was hired as NMTI's CEO in 2014 and has worked tirelessly with the NMTI board—led by chair John O. Gonzales—the administration, the Legislature, and the private sector in providing the needed skills that are in demand right now.

"[Parents] should encourage their own children to come and be trained. Our doors are always open," said McPhetres, who added that she's not going to stop asking students—especially graduating high school seniors—to get into NMTI.

"I'm going to continue [asking the students] because this is not for me. It is for them, the students, for the benefit of the people of the CNMI."

NMTI's enrolment increased from 63 for the 2013-2014 school year to 644 in SY 2017-2018, while the programs offered jumped to 15 compared to four almost five years ago.

"Enrolment went up and we're happy that people are being provided with the services that they deserved, which was neglected for many years. As we grow in enrolment and also in skills with their training, I think the CNMI will have a healthy and wealthy economy," McPhetres said.

She said that NMTI is the only vocational institution that offers hard trades in the CNMI that are in high demand in the local labor force. "We're the only one that is providing the hard vocational trades. They have to understand the difference between soft light trades and hard trades."

"Hard trades is what we need right now. The [Northern Marianas College] have been

high school, carpentry, electricity, electronics, electronic systems technician, professionalism heavy equipment operations, heating, ventilation,

and air conditioning (HVAC), power generation maintenance (mechanic and electrician), and welding trades.

They had also hired instruc-

tors and staff that are highly qualified to share their expertise in their chosen trades. Most of their faculty members were former administrators and instructors at NMC aside from working in the local business sector.

NMTI has also signed a memorandum of agreement with the CNMI hotel industry and other businesses to have their respective personnel as additional mentors and use their facilities for internship and actual training.

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# Habitual offender who burglarized lawyer's house begs for leniency

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A habitual offender who pleaded guilty for burglarizing the home of lawyer Joseph Taijeron in Garapan blamed yesterday his drug addiction for his actions as he begged for a lenient sentence.

Benjamin Bok Lee, 27, said before he was into methamphetamine, he accomplished a lot as he became a flight attendant and a lifeguard.

Lee said his friend hooked him to illegal drugs.

"I'm really truly sorry for my mistakes," said Lee during

the sentencing hearing. "I've learned from [my] mistakes. I have a family to take care [of]."

Lee begged to Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja to give him a second chance.

Naraja, however, continued the sentencing for July 10 at 9am in order for the defense counsel to submit some pleadings.

Last May, Lee signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty to burglary.

Under the plea deal, the



Naraja

defendant will be sentenced to prison between three years and 10 years, pay a possible fine of up to \$10,000, and pay restitution to the victims.

Lee broke into the house of Joseph Taijeron and his wife, Jamika, in Garapan and stole items on Aug. 2, 2017. Joseph Taijeron is counsel for the House of Representatives.

A surveillance camera of the couple's neighbor led to identification and arrest of Lee on Aug. 21, 2017.

His arrest in As Lito happened

a day before his sentencing in a 2016 robbery case in which he robbed a student who had just gotten out of school at Mt. Carmel School in Chalan Kanoa.

Police said that, soon after his arrest, Lee confessed to the crime and disclosed that he sold some of the stolen items and played poker.

In August 2017, Lee was slapped with a three-year prison term in connection with the Chalan Kanoa robbery.

At yesterday's sentencing hearing, assistant attorney general Jonathan Robert Glass Jr. recommended a sentence of 10 years imprisonment to

be served day for day without the possibility of parole, probation, or early release.

Glass said jail time should be served consecutive to any time Lee is serving in the prior 2016 robbery conviction.

Glass said Lee has been given many chances and that the only way to keep him from committing more crimes is to place him in jail.

Glass noted the psychological effect to the victims' children.

Glass doesn't believe Lee when he blamed meth for the crimes he did.

"He chose that. He made that decision," the prosecutor pointed out.

Glass in his sentencing memorandum said Lee is indigent and will have restitution that needs to be paid in both the 2016 case and the current case. He said no fine should be imposed on Lee.

Glass said restitution in the amount of \$1,482 should be ordered as well.

In the alternative, the prosecutor said, should the court disagree with the government's recommendation of Lee serving every day of his 10-year sentence, and should the court order a portion of the sentence suspended, the government would request some conditions, such as a 10-year probation upon release from prison, a \$5,000 fine, and restitution in the amount of \$1,482 to victims Joseph and/or Jamika Taijeron.

Glass said victims are often the forgotten pieces of the justice system.

"Many times, victims see their abusers getting off with what they feel is a slap on the wrist punishment as the abuser serves few days (if any) and is then released," Glass said.

Here, Glass said, the victims have requested justice for themselves.

He said the victims have detailed to the court the extent of the injuries they have suffered at the hands of Lee, their loss of security and stability.

"The children walk around the house with weapons in order to protect themselves, their family, and their property," said Glass, adding that this

shows the deep impact this crime has had on the children and the family unit.

Glass said theft and similar crimes have been become rampant in the CNMI and that Lee is part of the problem.

He said Lee has shown the possibility of a lengthy prison sentence won't deter him from committing crimes.

Glass said Lee accepts no personal responsibility for his crimes.

He said defendant continues to blame drugs for his problems instead of his actions.

"While drugs are serious and can cause people to do things outside of the ordinary, a person must take personal responsibility for their own actions," he said.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski, counsel for Lee, recommended a sentence of three years imprisonment to run concurrent to the sentence in his 2016 case.

Dominski said addiction is not a choice.

Dominski said Lee thought he could control the drug use, but he was wrong.

Dominski said the defendant has accepted responsibility and demonstrated remorse.

She said in this case, there was no violence, no weapon used, and no injuries.

In defendant's sentencing memorandum, Dominski said Lee worked hard to overcome developmental disabilities and started working and supporting his family when he was 16 years old.

Dominski said releasing Lee to probation/parole would allow him to seek the help he needs either through Community Guidance Center or other drug/substance abuse programs to conquer his meth addiction.

Dominski said Lee recognizes the error in his behavior and is embarrassed by his action.

She said Lee attributes his lack of judgment to an ongoing drug addiction and begs this court for probation/parole to allow him to get treatment for his illness.

Lee has not received treatment for this addiction, the defense counsel said.

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**SUBMISSION: AUGUST 3RD, 2018** **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
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/S/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ  
JUDICIARY PROCUREMENT OFFICE

## LIBDAY NOTICES

**Liberation Day sked out**

The 2018 Liberation Day Parade will be held on July 4, 2018, at 3pm from National Office Supply to Garapan Fishing Base. Fireworks will be at 10pm at the Garapan Fishing Base. For parade staging, Beach Road will be closed to through traffic from Quarter Master Road north to Mariana Lounge at 12pm. Also, the inner lanes from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road intersection north to Quartermaster Road will be closed at 12pm, although outer lanes can be utilized for through traffic. All floats should enter the parade line through Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road intersection. Marching units and other vehicle units may enter the parade line through Quartermaster Road (recommended) or Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road intersection.

Thank you for your assistance with advising the public, and for all your support of this year's festivities. (PR)

**Library closed on July 5**

In lieu of the 73rd Annual Liberation Day, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be closed on Thursday, July 5, 2018 for admin leave. Regular summer library hours will resume on Friday, July 6, 2018 (see below for summer hours).

For the latest news and events, please visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at [www.cnmlib.org](http://www.cnmlib.org) and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joeten\_kiyu. The library's summer hours are as follows (effective June 12-Aug. 4): Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm, Saturday, 9am-4:00pm, and closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. (PR)

**NAP office to remain open on Thursday**

The Nutrition Assistance Program office under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will remain open on Thursday, July 5, 2018 to distribute benefits for certified households with last names beginning with the letters A to C from 8am to 3pm.

Additionally, the NAP's Certification Unit office will be open from 8am to 6pm for re-certification of ongoing household applicants and application services for new applicants.

The NAP office is located at the JTV Building in As Lito.

For more information, contact the NAP Administration office at (670) 237-2843. (PR)

# Liberation Day parade today

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA  
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REPORTER

The largest and most anticipated parade in the CNMI has finally arrived and community members can expect huge surprises.

The 73rd Annual Liberation Day parade is scheduled for today and is expected to

**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

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It's the 4th of July and also your birthday—an even bigger reason to celebrate! Happy birthday to a wonderful Daddy! Love, Mommy, James, and Colin.

start at 3pm.

The parade is scheduled to start early in order to ensure that each parade float is given the opportunity to showcase its glory without the rush of finishing before sundown.

According to the Saipan Mayor's Office, there will also be international guests who will venture to the CNMI, for the first time, in order to celebrate the Fourth of July with the CNMI community. Among the international guests is Federated States of Micronesia Vice President Yosiwo George.

Community members are encouraged to abide by instructions given by parade regulators throughout the parade to ensure that the parade goes smoothly for everyone involved.

Community members are also urged to bring hats, umbrellas, and beverages because the mid-afternoon weather is expected to be scorching.

The parade route from At-

kins Kroll Toyota to the Garapan Fishing Base will be

## United adds twice-weekly Guam-Saipan service

**TAMUNING, Guam—**

United Airlines customers in Saipan now have more options for convenient connections through Guam this summer. United announced new twice-weekly Boeing 737-700 service between Saipan and Guam, beginning Aug. 2, 2018.

United's new service is

closed as early as 12pm today in order to get parade floats situated and lined up.

The first place float winner is eligible to win up to \$4,000,

the second place winner could win \$3,000, and so forth.

Registration was opened back in May 1 and was officially closed on June 15.

specific Airport Operations. "This new service complements our recently announced reintroduction of widebody aircraft flying twice-daily between Guam and Tokyo beginning on October 28 as well as the 20 additional flights United will offer customers traveling between Japan and Guam

**United's Guam-Saipan Service**

Flight No.	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time	Aircraft	Frequency
UA 174	Guam	7am	Saipan	7:45am	Boeing 737-800	Daily
UA 117	Saipan	8:45am	Guam	9:30am	Boeing 737-800	Daily
UA 104 (new)	Guam	11:30pm	Saipan	12:15am	Boeing 737-700	Tues, Thurs
UA 105 (new)	Saipan	4:55am	Guam	5:40am	Boeing 737-700	Wed, Fri

scheduled to depart Guam on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30pm and arrive in Saipan at 12:15am the next day. The return flight departs Saipan on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:55am and arrives in Guam at 5:40am. United will operate Boeing 737-700 (12 seats in United Business,

demand between the islands. More importantly, by adding new twice-weekly service we are able to accommodate Saipan customers who desire to make a same-day connection to Honolulu and Japan with just one stop in Guam," said Sam Shinohara, United's managing director of Asia/Pacific

during this summer's peak travel season beginning Aug. 2 through Aug. 27," added Shinohara.

United's addition of twice-weekly service offers customers an additional 504 seats weekly and is available to book today for travel beginning Aug. 2. (PR)

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**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**CUC-IFB-18-018**

**ISLAND WIDE WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.*

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation to verify leaks and leak repair on various types of waterlines. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **July 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-18-018: Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 5, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Support Assistant – via email [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO  
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAM, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator

## GMS students star in Campers Got Talent

Green Meadow Schools students showcased their acting, dancing, and singing skills during the Campers Got Talent Season 8 held last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio

Multi-Purpose Center. More than 100 students in

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Preschool students from Green Meadow School's Gualo Rai campus perform an island dance during last Saturday's Campers Got Talent Season 8 held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Hall.

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**CUC-RFP-18-019**

**Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of  
2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-18-019 – Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A **Proposal Guarantee** equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discuss and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

<https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMIA ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectural services in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of the OEM submitting the bid.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address [christopher.timmons@cnmioag.org](mailto:christopher.timmons@cnmioag.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE  
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAM, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Procurement & Supply



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**CUC-IFB-18-024**

**REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF  
ENGINE # 8 AND # 4 FRAME, BLOCK & ALTERNATOR PARTS AT POWER PLANT  
NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the removal and relocation of Engine 8 and Engine No. 4 frame, block & alternator parts at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition they will also be required to remove the coils from the stators and store them in a designated place. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the CUC plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration.

As this is a re-bid, a Pre-Bid Conference is not considered necessary; CUC will allow Site Visit based on pre-scheduled arrangements with CUC through email. Prospective Bidders who had not participated in the previous bid (CUC-IFB-18-020) are encouraged to visit the site for familiarizing the site conditions.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-18-024: Removal and relocation of engines 8 and 4 at Power Plant No. 1**", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are however expected to have experience and the required skill sets in similar work.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant – via email [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE  
Acting, Executive Director

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Purchasing Administrator



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GMS elementary and middle school students perform a Korean dance.

preschool, elementary, and middle school performed in the weekend event, which was a culmination of GMS' four-week summer camp.

Preschool students from GMS' campus in Gualo Rai took the overall championship in their division and the Best Dance award after wowing the crowd with their traditional island dance (for girls) and the boys dancing to the tune of the Beach Boys' hit *Surfin USA* in their summer outfit and make-shift surfing board. Another set of students from GMS Gualo Rai performed a skit entitled *Noah and the Unicorn* and drew praises from the crowd for mimicking animal sounds and wearing colorful masks.

Preschool students from the Chalan Kiya campus, on the other hand, topped the Best Bible Skit (*Jonah and the Big Fish*) and Interpretative Song (*We are God's Children*) contests.

In the individual awards, Jewel Mabaquio and Esma Pagaraao of the Gualo Rai campus were named Best Narrator and Best Dancer, respectively, while Precious Rubia got the Best Dancer award for the Chalan Kiya campus. John Aumentado and Inessa Maria Diaz bagged the Best in Song Interpretation honors for Gualo Rai and Chalan Kiya.



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Preschool students from Green Meadow School's Gualo Rai campus dance to the tune of the Beach Boys' *Surfin USA*.



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GMS elementary school students perform a traditional dance from India.



**Governor Ralph DLG. Torres**





**Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog**

## **“Sea to Shining Sea”**

For over seven decades, our islands have endured remarkable challenges and transformative changes. From the closure of Camp Susupe to the signing of our Covenant with the United States to the economic progress we see today, 73 years of freedom represents our journey together to the future.

This Liberation Day, we remember our resiliency as a people even in the face of adversity. We celebrate the cultures that bind us together and the traditions passed down from our ancestors. We celebrate our people — from all walks of life and from here and around the world — that represent our community, and the opportunities now available for anyone young or old to give back to these islands they call home.

We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and devoted their lives to the protection of our freedoms. We remember our veterans, including those who defended the Marianas in World War II. And we honor our brothers, our sisters, our sons, and our daughters in uniform who continue to defend the CNMI.

Liberation Day is a celebration of our together as one Commonwealth. As part of the Pacific, we recognize the enormous role the ocean plays in our livelihood and in our heritage. From sea to shining sea, our people have navigated the vast ocean and continue our collective journey of self-determination. We look forward to continue celebrating our cultures, our community, and our service to one another. After all, this is what makes our Commonwealth one of the most unique places in the world.

We look forward to charting the course of our Commonwealth's future together, and we continue to extend our gratitude and advocacy for peace from sea to shining sea.

**Happy Liberation Day CNMI!**



**RALPH DLG. TORRES**



**VICTOR B. HOCOG**

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## EDITORIAL

### The US must not abandon its commitment to refugees fleeing war and persecution

World War II lasted six years and caused the deaths of about 60 million people, three-quarters of them civilians. It involved some 40 nations — significantly more than half of the countries in existence at the time — and laid waste to vast swaths of Europe, Asia, North Africa and islands scattered across the western Pacific. By the time the war ended, an additional 60 million people had been forced from their homes and often their countries, creating a massive humanitarian crisis and raising thorny issues over who has the right to live where, and what responsibilities governments have amid so much chaos and confusion.

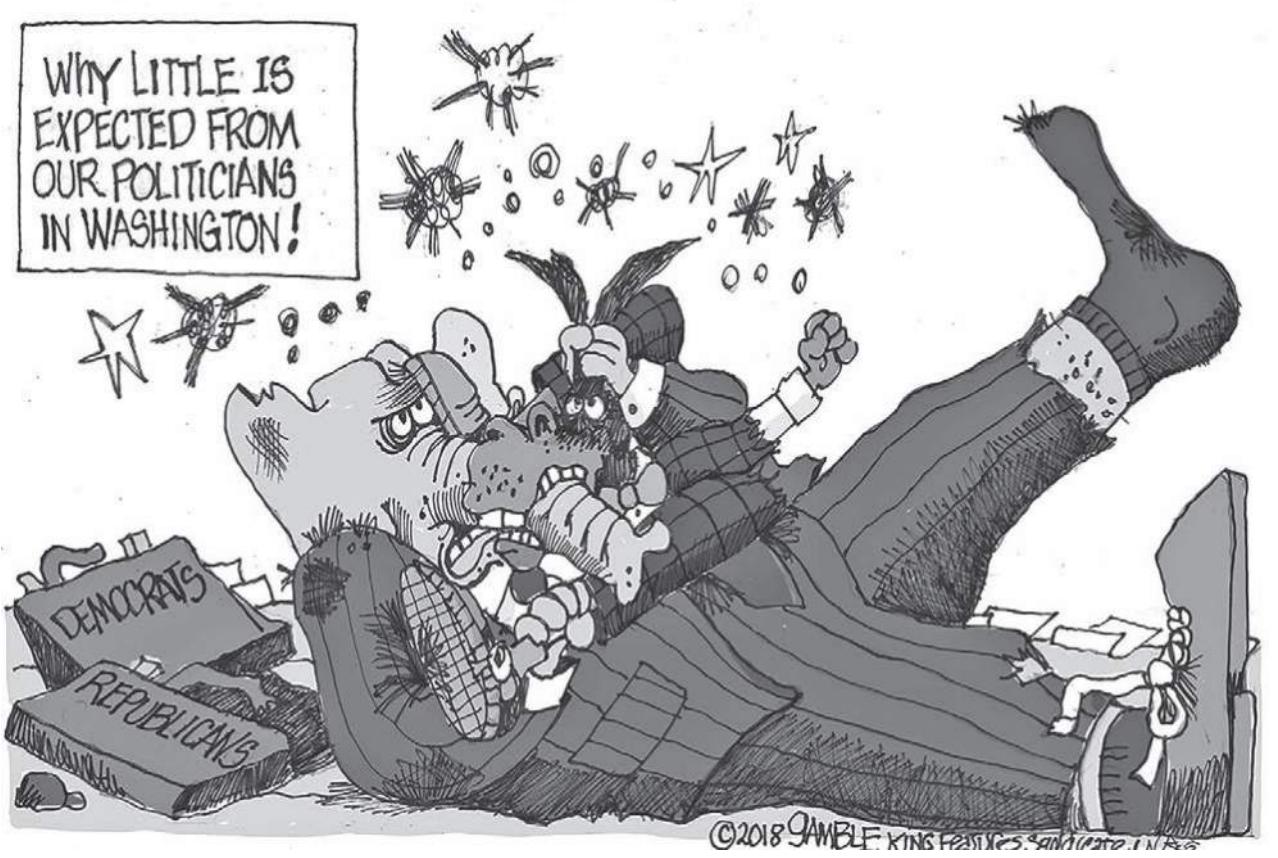
The world slowly sorted it out. In 1951, the United Nations drafted its Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, the first in a series of post-war international agreements that established the fundamental rights of people to seek asylum in other nations if they have a well-founded fear they will be persecuted “on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion,” as the U.S. Refugee Act of 1980 phrased it. That right to seek asylum arises from a fundamental recognition that, as the Founding Fathers asserted in the Declaration of Independence, “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

We’re in similar straits today. There are more people displaced now by war and instability, primarily in the Middle East and Africa, than at any time since the end of World War II. Granted, the global population is about three times what it was in 1950, but still: Millions of people from Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar and many other countries are today squatting in resettlement camps or scattered among foreign populations.

Of course, enshrining the right to seek sanctuary into law and letting people exercise that right are separate things, and the world has a mixed record on the latter. For instance, the Trump administration decided to accept less than half of the refugees the Obama administration agreed to in its last year. And its “zero tolerance” policy of filing misdemeanor criminal charges against desperate (mostly) Central Americans crossing the U.S.-Mexico border to seek asylum seems to directly violate international agreements. The policy of separating children from their parents to try to deter asylum-seekers was grotesquely cynical and inhumane, and denying them due process, as Trump has proposed, is an abomination.

It’s true that not everyone arrested at the southern border is seeking asylum. But many asylum-seekers’ claims are

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## 40 Años Na Libetta

**P**a'gu na ha'ane mina' 40 años desde ke ta gobietnan maisa hit gi papa' kontratan Covenant yan Estados Unidos De America.

Apmam de ta guife este na diniseha. Manegosiu ya ma-apprueba ni Congresson iya America gi 1975. Offisiatamente ta tutuhun gumubietnan maisa hit gi 1978.

Gi karera ta konfitma na hilu' sisteman lai i gobietnamento-ta. Dipotsihe ha' este i sisteman demokrasia na gobietnu impus pausa. Lau nahuñg kampu para ta areglu dibuenamente asunto-ta siha. Na'magof pot kanaha' todú hinanau-ta felis. Tatnai tali'e didog na chinatsaga desde tutuhun.

Mas mona mas siempre fotmat modun disposision gobietnamento-ta kontodu gastun setbisiun publiku. Presisu na tana'e sisteman hinemu' mas fondu para u adelanta setbisiun mediku kontodu kualidat edukasion famaguon-ta. U fattu este na tiempu kumu obligasion.

Ti siña na para ta añañgog-hu programan medical referral kumu katsu gi man-komplikau siha na asuntun hinemu'. Hafa ya maribaha seriosamente fondu gi kahan iya Marianas?

Estague' na rason na maseha adumididi' debi ta tutuhun umad-elanta setbisiun himelu' guine. Gi pagugu ta gagasta mas ke \$13 miyon pesus gi sakan umapase hospitat iya Filipinas yan Hawaii. Debi ta bira halum este na gastu gi para uma-adelanta hospit-ta.

**Estoria:** Mauleg sa' dispues de geran dos ha tutuhun i Amerikanu umayuda i natibu rumikohe tatté ha'aniña. Adumididi' ha establese fasilitat hospitat yan eskuelan publiku siha. Animu i natibu gi edukasion famaguon niha.

Estaba iya Marianas gi papa' gobietnun Trust Territory. Dipus' nai ma-establese kumu unu gi sais distritu giya Micronesia. Gi 1972, felis ginagau para separau na estau. Ma-apprueba este na diniseha gi 1975 ni Congresson iya America. Ta tutuhun gu-mubietnan maisa hit gi 1978.

Anog na i sisteman gobietnamento guine mau'udai gi hilu' pisun lai. Metgot na proteksion kontra che'chu' kumbalache' nai ta fatta na huñgan mansiña hit gumubietnan maisa tano'ta gi hilu' fitme na areglu lai siha. Na'magof i metgot na sensian respetu gi lai i tanu'.

Tinayuyot yan mit grasiyas para i man-mofona ni sumakrifisia siha munafitme inestablesen gobietnamento-ta gi 1978. Anaku' na karera lau enfin ta komple diniseha-ta gi presente na areglu yan Estados Unidos De America. Trabiha i karera ananaku ha'. Namagof na ha'aniñ libetta para i natibu gi mina' 40 años na selebrasion!

Gineflí'e: I para ta goflí'e maisa hit kulan mohon estrañheru na konseptu. Lau un' fafana' i petsona, era hagu mismu, ya se-guruyu' na un' tuñgu' haye yan haf tinatemu.

Huñgan, anaku' na tiempu makeyamag kutturan natibu desde Espanol. Ni unu felis gi destrosiun linala' man-indihinau. Man-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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esgin liñguahé lau taimanu un' destrosia i patte este naturat gi natibu desde ha'anen mafañaguña?

Tana' para man-matagu' kulan mohon esklabun todus. Tafachu gi dirichota kumu petmanente na tautau este siha na petlas!

Puntan Tasi: Kulan laña i tasi gi halum rubentason, gatbu na minachum atdau gi puntan tasi, uttimu chuñge' sige halum para fan deskansayan, duru lokue' halum boten kachu' siha gi puetu. Dispues man-maliñgu i anineñg troñku siha gi oriya 'nai mas homhum i pueñge. Bonitu na minachum atdau!

Megai lugat hu fatoigue gi tanu' lau taya' atparehuña i sumen gatbu na minachum atdau guine. Achog ginen isla-yu' kontodu guahu manman ni bonitun este siha na petlas. Desde tradision gualu' yan tasi modun linala' natibu tatté esta i antigü na tiempu.

**Uttimu:** Gi finagu' este na sakan uttimu biahe para bai fañge' guine na pahina gi gaseta. Guaha otru para baina' fonhayan tumugi—dos lepblu para i famaguonta—gi finu' Chamorro. Ala kuenta kulan pine'lun rekuetdu para siha.

**Bes Enkuando:** Sessu antes hu fagcha'e un' amku' gi biradan ginen i lanchu. Teñga ha kikilili' un' latan ganta ni ha saguaniyi na' babue. Ha kikilili' lokue' padarauña.

Apmam i amku' desde ke diniñgu ni asaguña ya i gima' hagaña' nai sumasaga. I lanchu 'an ha'ane 'nai ha tatane'gue. Haf suetteña na gulusina ha po'luye i famaguon.

Un' pupueñge taigue i bihu gi lugat 'nai sessu ham umasoda'. U mahnanau ti uma'asoda' ham mientras hu uestionada kau malañgu. Lau dimalas gi maigo'ña. Un' amku' ni diariu gi misan mo'na.

Kulan hana' sahñge siñienteghu un' pupueñge 'nai mattuyu' guihé na lugat 'nai sessu ham umasoda'. Siñienteg-hu kulan mattu para u fan gagau dispensu pot humanau sin kumentos. Konfitmasion. Hu aksepta gi hilu' tinayuyot.

Hu dibibina haf na umasoda'yu' yan ayu na amku'? Kulan mana'eyu' kumu espehos metgot na linala' espiritual, hinimiddi, respetu yan tomtum na amku. Hu gu'ot este siha na kualidatna' bittu gi hilu' agradesimientu pot ginen guiya na masyu' manli'e manana gi karerahu. Si Yuus Maase'!

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## It's a hard time to be a never-Trump Republican

Residents Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump have inspired overwhelming loyalty from their party's rank and file, probably more than any other modern president. But not in the same way.

Reagan articulated an optimistic philosophy of smaller government, lower taxes, anti-communism and traditional values that reflected what Republican voters believed. Trump has reshaped the Republican core, conjuring an anti-trade, anti-immigration party that welcomes racists and winks at dictators. To be sure, not all Republicans buy into Trump's grim worldview, but polls show that almost 90 percent of Republicans are Trump supporters.

"Trump's control over the grassroots base is bigger even than Reagan's," said Vin Weber, a major Republican player and former congressman who came to Washington in 1981 when Reagan arrived. "It's very personal."

There are prominent Republicans who are troubled by the cult-like following of a dark and deceitful president.

One of them is Mitch Daniels, who boasts a distinguished Republican pedigree. He was Reagan's chief political adviser, director of the Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush and a successful two-term Indiana governor. Before the rise of Trump, he would have been considered by knowledgeable Republicans, conservatives and moderates alike, to be a top-quality candidate for president.

But now he says this: "I feel homeless."

The options for disaffected Republicans are bad or worse: voting for Democrats, taking on Trump or biding time until Jan. 21, 2021.

The conservative columnist George Will wrote in the Washington Post last month that Republicans should vote for Democrats this fall to check Trump's excesses and "affirm the nation's

honor." His point was reinforced last week when Republican congressmen, notably Jim Jordan of Ohio and Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, trotted out false accusations to attack the Federal Bureau of Investigation and smear Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in an effort to protect Trump and undermine the investigation into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election.

But few Republican politicians would be comfortable as Democrats.

Another option is to challenge Trump. Yet most Republicans are intimidated by the president's power to mobilize his supporters. Authentic conservatives like Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona and Representative Mark Sanford of South Carolina were driven from office by Republican voters for merely questioning the president's behavior and rhetoric.

Republican activist Bill Kristol says that conservatives should challenge Trump for the 2020 nomination to reestablish the economic, national-security and moral principles of the Republican Party. Kristol argues that Trump's support among the rank and file will diminish over time. Neither Flake nor Senator Ben Sasse, a Nebraska conservative, have ruled out taking on the incumbent in 2020.

Ohio Governor John Kasich, who was beaten for the nomination by Trump in 2016, and his political adviser, John Weaver, are testing the waters for another run. A few Republicans think that the 2012 presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, who is likely to become a Utah senator after November, should lead the opposition. But don't bet your salary on that development.

Savvy Republicans in Iowa and New Hampshire, including some who oppose Trump, are nearly unanimous in their conviction that Trump would be unbeatable today in Republican contests in their states. In New Hampshire, one of the states

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where Kasich ran strongly in 2016, a leading Republican candidate for an open House seat is State Senator Andy Sanborn. Last week Sanborn sent out an appeal urging Republicans to regard their vote as a referendum on Trump. "A Never-Trumper itching to primary President Trump in 2020, Kasich is hoping conservatives like me fail," his letter said.

The third bad option for alienated Republicans is to wait it out while working to lay a foundation for a different kind of party. The 2016 election, Daniels said, showed "how quickly politics can change; maybe it can change again."

As a Hoosier and now president of Purdue University, Daniels is a basketball fanatic. He said Republicans could emulate the Philadelphia 76ers, the professional basketball team that suffered through three miserable years with the worst record in the National Basketball Association as they tried to build for the future. "Trust the process," the team urged its followers.

This year they were a winning playoff team, though not a serious contender for the championship. Trusting a political process for the next two and half years doesn't seem very appealing either.

## Keep cruelty out of your vacation itinerary

By ALEXANDRIA FRANDINA-BROWN

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

One of life's greatest pleasures is stepping out of our daily routines and exploring new places. But if your family is planning a vacation, remember that one way to avoid bringing home awful memories is by seeking out excursions that are in keeping with compassionate values and staying away from cruel tourist traps that exploit animals. Vacationers who buy tickets to marine theme parks, roadside zoos or other facilities that profit from confining animals to cages and tanks keep these outfits in business. There are so many wonderful — and ethical — destinations awaiting you instead.

Florida's John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park is the first undersea park created in the United States. Along with the adjacent Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, the park encompasses 178 nautical square miles of coral reefs, seagrass beds and mangrove swamps. It protects and preserves the only living coral reef in the continental U.S. You can swim, kayak and paddleboard, and there are also snorkeling and scuba diving tours that are reasonably priced and allow you to go right into the water with the animals — into their homes, but on their terms. Compare and contrast the open ocean with the cramped and barren tanks at places like SeaWorld and "swim-with-dolphins" excursions. Ethical travelers will shun any business that forces captive animals to perform.

On the West Coast of the U.S., The Marine Mammal Center at the base of the Golden Gate Bridge is the largest marine mammal hospital in the world, responsible for rescuing stranded seals, sea lions, otters and cetaceans along 600 miles of the California coast. Its educational displays are truly inspiring, and from a safe distance, visitors can observe the animals who are being rehabilitated. The center is near a beautiful beach and just across the bay from San Francisco's Pier 39, where sea lions regularly sunbathe and socialize.

Sanctuaries accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) ensure that animals who have been aban-

doned, displaced or injured receive care that meets the highest standards during rescue and rehabilitation as well as for the rest of their lives. With locations around the world, GFAS sanctuaries provide safe harbor for thousands of animals. Not all GFAS sanctuaries are open to the public, though, and others offer only limited visitation in order to avoid causing the animals unnecessary stress. Check the facilities' policies before you go, and keep in mind that no legitimate exotic-animal sanctuary allows any kind of "hands-on" interaction, including taking selfies with animals.

For those hearing the call of Asia, VegVoyages offers "off-the-beaten-track" tours that focus on cultural immersion, local interaction and lots of great vegan food. The agency's underlying mission is to offer cruelty-free travel experiences in which no living being (human or animal) is exploited in any way.

Cruises today have a wide variety of options designed for ethical travelers. Oceania Cruises' vegan menus feature more than 250 innovative dishes on all six of its ships. Vegan River Cruises gives guests a vegan-food-only experience on luxury small ships that sail down some of Europe's most beautiful rivers. Regent Seven Seas Cruises offers a completely vegan menu for all its meals.

If you prefer a staycation, you can download your adventure from vEcotourism.org, which uses interactive online tours to connect people with conservation projects and local communities in ecologically and culturally sensitive areas around the world. Participants can enjoy watching elephants on Uganda's Mount Elgon or Sumatra's endangered orangutans for a fraction of the cost of a typical excursion and from the comfort of an easy chair.

Vacations are no reason to leave your ethics behind. Enjoy the many splendors that the world has to offer, but don't spend any time at places where animals will languish in misery long after you're back home.

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## US

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being rejected under a blinkered reading of U.S. law that doesn't acknowledge how gang violence, corruption and state-sanctioned domestic abuse can drive people from their homelands just as effectively as missiles and pogroms. Worse, the Justice Department reportedly is preparing a new plan to deny asylum to anyone prosecuted for entering the country illegally, despite international agreements that call for asylum requests to be honored wherever refugees present themselves.

Europe has similar problems living up to the spirit of asylum. The human tide flowing from the Middle East and North Africa has strained resources and governments, becoming a point of friction within the European Union. It could bring down Angela Merkel's governing coalition in Germany, though a migration deal struck this week might ratchet down the political pressure.

Yet there's a difference between migrants fleeing temporary upheaval and those who seek asylum intending to begin new lives in new lands. Most migrants eventually hope to return home. But many will not be able to. Since 1975, the U.S. has resettled 3.3 million refugees, more than any other nation, led by 380,000 from the former Soviet Union and Russia and 182,000 from Vietnam. That reflects well on the nation, but much more needs to be done.

All nations have a right to determine who gets to resettle within their borders, who gets to become a citizen and how many can reasonably be accommodated.

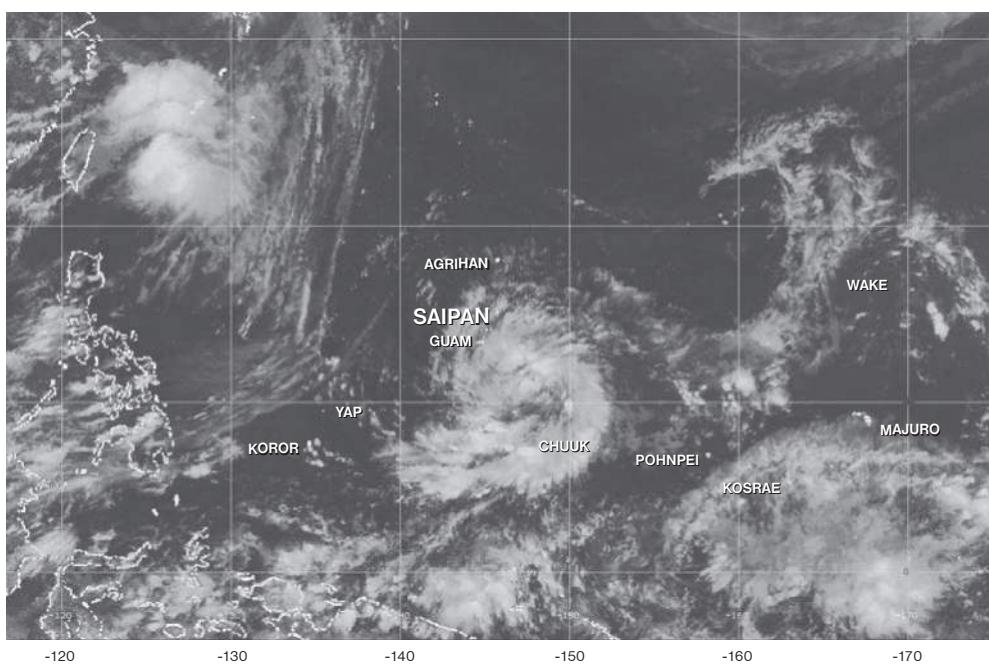
But the administration's reduction in refugee resettlements and directives to immigration officials to draw a harder line on who qualifies for asylum undermine the nation's reputation for taking in "your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" and runs counter to one of the modern world's best inclinations: to offer sanctuary to fellow human beings who find themselves buffeted by the winds of war or persecution. We don't have to have open borders, but we must keep an open heart.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 20 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 7:00 AM, TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Models have maintained good consistency lately with the circulation to the SSE in showing a close passage to Guam on Wednesday. Have increased shower POPs and winds beginning tonight through Thursday night. As the developing depression passes by, fresh to strong east winds will shift to southeast. Heavy rain and thunderstorms are most likely beginning Wednesday and will gradually taper Thursday night into Friday. More benign weather is expected over the weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	84°	/	79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84°	/	76°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85°	/	79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	87°	/	79°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	88°	/	77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	88°	/	77°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85°	/	80°

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	55°	/	46°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	100°	/	75°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90°	/	84°	
Honolulu	Showers	86°	/	75°	
London	Partly Cloudy	81°	/	61°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	77°	/	62°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	88°	/	79°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57°	/	52°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	86°	/	79°	
New York	Sunny	89°	/	74°	
Osaka	Rain	82°	/	73°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	84°	/	64°	
Busan	Rain	73°	/	70°	
Rome	Sunny	90°	/	70°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	90°	/	71°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	60°	/	53°	
Seoul	Thunderstorm	84°	/	70°	
Tokyo	Thunderstorm	82°	/	77°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	91°	/	76°	

NMI CRIME STOPPERS	
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:	
■ Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone	
■ *11 on any IT&E cellular phone	
■ Log on to the internet at <a href="http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net">www.nmicrimestoppers.net</a>	

## TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET

12:06 AM	LOW TIDE	1.86
6:13 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.07
10:39 AM	LOW TIDE	1.54
5:42 PM	HIGH TIDE	0.15

## DAY SUNRISE SUNSET

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	10:30 AM	11:11 PM
Thursday	-	11:19 AM	11:50 PM
Friday	-	12:09 PM	-
Saturday	12:30 AM	1:00 PM	-
Sunday	1:11 AM	1:53 PM	-

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117 8:45am 9:30am Daily				UA117 7:00am 7:45am Daily			
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451 3:10am 6:10am 1, 7				7C3452 9:00pm 2:10am+1 4			
7C3451 4:00am 7:05am 4, 5				7C3452 9:05pm 2:10am+1 3, 6, 7			
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308 2:00am 6:05am Daily				7C3402 9:30am 3:00pm Daily			
OZ626 2:10am 6:00am 1				OZ625 7:40pm 1:00am+1 7			
OZ626 2:50am 6:40am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7				TW307 7:45pm 1:00am+1 Daily			
LJ652 3:40am 7:30am 1, 4, 5, 7				OZ625 8:20pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6			
7C3403 4:45am 8:30am Daily				LJ651 9:10pm 2:40am+1 3, 4, 6, 7			
7C3401 4:00pm 7:45pm Daily				7C3404 10:10pm 3:40am+1 Daily			
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648 5:40am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7				3U8647 10:20pm 4:30am+1 3, 4, 6, 7			
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)				HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN			
JD396 7:30am 12:00pm 1				JD395 8:25am 3:30pm 4			
JD396 4:50pm 10:00pm 4				JD395 9:55pm 5:00am+1 7			
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6				3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5			
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK							

 COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Intro to Spanish Class at JKPL**

During the month of July, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be hosting a free Intro to Spanish for Teens and Adults.

The dates for the classes are Friday, July 6, Wednesday, July 11, and Wednesday, July 18. The classes will be held from 4pm to 5pm. Because it is a basic Spanish class, participants will learn topics like the alphabet, counting, basic phrases, and more. This class is part of the Teen and Adult Summer Library Institute, so attending all four classes will count toward the reading log. To sign up for the class, please visit the library and ask for Emily. Questions? Call the library at 235-READ.

For the latest news and events, please visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at [www.cnmlib.org](http://www.cnmlib.org) and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joeten kiyu. Please call the library at 670-235-7322/23 for questions/concerns. The library's summer hours are as follows (effective June 12-Aug. 4): Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm, Saturday, 9am 4pm, and closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. (PR)

**Torres and Babauta forum on Marianas Agupa Chamorro Talkshow**

This coming Saturday, July 7, 20018 at 10am, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and former governor Juan N. Babauta will appear together on Marianas Agupa Talkshow.

According to Glenn H. Manglona, host of *Marianas Agupa Talkshow*, "the purpose of this forum is to find out from each of our gubernatorial candidate where do they stand on the most pressing issue affecting our people today. The five areas that will be asked are public health, economy, education, utility, and transportation.

Manglona said, "The invitation letter was sent out last week to both of our gubernatorial candidates and we hope that they will show up for this important forum. Our listening audience are anxious to listen to our 2018 gubernatorial hopeful. So get your coffee and donuts ready for the show. The show will be broadcast live on Magic 100.3 FM and will be streamed on the internet and via Facebook." (PR)

**Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band to hold concerts at AMP**

American Memorial Park is proud to host the United States Marine Corps Pacific Band for two concerts during their visit to Saipan for our Liberation Day celebration. The brass band and jazz concerts are open to the community and free of charge:

- July 4: Full ceremonial band will play at the Liberation Day Parade
- July 5: Concert will start at 2pm at the American Memorial Park indoor theater

Please join us for some great music at the park!

American Memorial Park was created to honor the American and Marianas people who died in the World War II Marianas campaign. (PR)

**Water outage for Tanapag, Achugoa, As Mahetog**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is an emergency water service interruption for the Tanapag, Achugao, and As Mahetog areas.

The cause of the interruption is due to a leak on the 4-inch distribution water main line near the Tanapag Church. Water operations personnel were informed of the leak but were unable to make the necessary repairs due to World War II human remains being discovered at the job site. The Historic Preservation Office was informed and is currently making their assessments. Once done, HPO will give CUC clearance to proceed with repairs.

Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

**6 Managaha beaches red-flagged**

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged six Managaha beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Swimming Area A (MG02), Swimming Area B (MG04), Managaha Beach (MG07), Swimming Area A (MG03), Managaha Beach (MG05), and Managaha Beach (MG10).

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more

information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (PR)

**Writer's Workshop comes to Tinian on July 13**

The Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Tinian Public Library, Tinian Mayor's Office, and author Walt F.J. Goodridge will present the author's popular Writer's Workshop on Friday, July 13, 2018 from 1pm to 4pm, free of charge at the library on the island of Tinian.

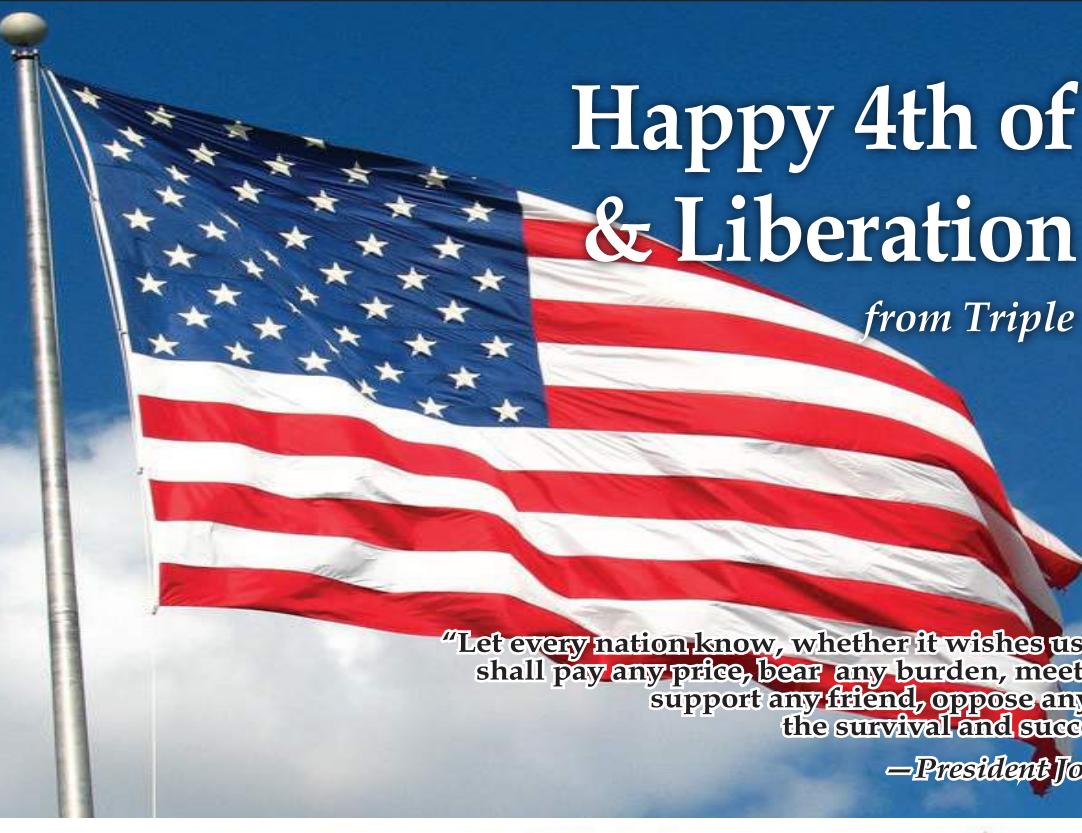
This event requires at least 15 pre-registered participants in or-

der to take place. Sign up by visiting the library on Tinian, or by calling Julie Sablan during Tinian library hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm) at 670 433-0504. (Rota residents may express their interest for a Rota workshop at this same number)

To register, visit the front desk of the Tinian Library or call Julie Sablan during Tinian Library hours (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm) at 433-0504. For more information or to learn more about Goodridge, and to see some success stories from past workshops on Saipan, visit [www.saipanwriters.com](http://www.saipanwriters.com). (PR)

# Happy 4th of July & Liberation Day

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"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."

—President John F. Kennedy



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## CNMI AHEC to host 2018 Health Summer Program

The Northern Marianas College, Community Development Institute, through the CNMI Area Health Education Center, is sponsoring a health program for youth this summer. Students who are interested in health careers will be introduced through activities and lessons in Nursing, Rehabilitation & Human Services, Science

and Math. The program will also feature presentations on CPR & Basic First Aid, Nutrition, and Mental Health. The overall goal is to familiarize students about health



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The Northern Marianas College, Community Development Institute, through the CNMI Area Health Education Center will host the 2018 Health Summer Program from July 16 to Aug. 3.

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program 2019 State Plan is now available for public review and comments from July 02-09, 2018. Interested members of the general public may review the CNMI WIC Program 2019 State Plan at the WIC Program's Administrative Office located in Upper Navy Hill, Mayoria Ave. Building N25. Office hours are from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (Monday-Friday). All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than close of business on July 9, 2018.

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careers in the CNMI.

To qualify for the program, students must be entering into the 11th or 12th grade and must be interested in pursuing health careers. The deadline to enroll in the 2018 Health Summer Program is 4pm, Thursday, July 12, 2018. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The CNMI AHEC will sponsor this program for those

who are residents of the CNMI (i.e. United States citizens and U.S. Green Card holders). Students must provide a valid, government-issued ID (i.e. birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc.) for verification upon registration.

The 2018 Health Summer Program will run as follows:

■ July 16-July 27 (Monday through Friday) from 8am to 12pm.

■ July 28 (Saturday), July 30-Aug. 3 (Monday through Friday) from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

To register, students can visit the CNMI AHEC office in Building P at the NMC Saipan campus, or contact Queanna Sablan, CNMI AHEC Program Manager, by phone at (670) 237-6809 or by email at [queanna.sablan@marianas.edu](mailto:queanna.sablan@marianas.edu). (PR)

## NMC Adult Basic Education Registration Dates

The Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education (ABE) program, which focuses on meeting the educational needs of adult learners, has announced the following dates for Session I that begins in July:

### ABE Session I: Language Arts, Mathematics, & Workplace Training

■ July 9-13, 2018

CASAS Testing 1:00pm, by appointment only in Room T-2

■ July 9-13, 2018

Registration for Ongoing/ Returning student's 10am-5pm, Room T-1

■ July 16-20, 2018

Add and drop week

■ July 25, 2018

First day of classes

■ Sept. 4-7, 2018

Last week of classes (Make up hours, post testing, and pre registration for Session II)

### ABE Session II: Language Arts, Mathematics, & Workplace Training

■ Oct. 9-12, 2018

CASAS Testing 1pm, by appointment only in Room T-2

■ Oct. 9-12, 2018

Registration for Ongoing/ Returning student's 10am-5pm, Room T-1

■ Oct. 15-19, 2018

Add and drop week

■ Oct. 24, 2018

First day of classes

■ Dec. 10-14, 2018

Last week of classes (Make up hours, post testing, and pre registration for Session III)

### ABE Session III: Language Arts, Mathematics, & Workplace Training

■ Jan. 7-11, 2019

CASAS Testing 1pm, by appointment only in Room T-2

### ABE Session IV: Language Arts, Mathematics, & Workplace Training

■ March 18-22, 2019

CASAS Testing 1pm, by appointment only in Room T-2

■ March 18-22, 2019

Registration for Ongoing/ Returning student's 10am-5pm, Room T-1

■ March 25-29, 2019

Add and drop week

■ April 3, 2019

First day of classes

■ May 13-17, 2019

Last week of classes (Make up hours and post testing)

New students and those who have been out of the ABE program for more than a year must make an appointment at the Adult Basic Education (ABE) Office located in Building T to take the CASAS Assessment Test. Note that this schedule is subject to change. For additional information, contact ABE at 237-6713 or visit [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). (PR)

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-- William Faulkner

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# OIA awards GovGuam \$2.4M in federal grant assistance

**HAGĀTÑA, Guam**—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced that the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has awarded the Government of Guam \$2,454,397 in federal grant assistance.

OIA awarded \$2,126,005 through the Technical Assistance Program for the following projects:

- \$498,225 for the GCA Trades Academy Education Assistance project;

- \$498,272 for the Guam Community College Tourism

Programs Assistance project;

- \$494,657 for the Bureau of Statistics and Plans Household Income and Expenditure Survey;

- \$107,112 for the Guam Public Health and Social Services Building and Sustaining the Capacity of Guam Environment Public Health Laboratory project;

- \$28,415 for the Guam Police Department K9 Specialized Vehicle Equipment Requisition project;

- \$249,010 for the Office of Technology Network Mon-

itoring Tools project; and

- \$250,314 for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam Micronesian Resource One Stop Shop.

Additionally, OIA awarded \$328,392 through the Maintenance Assistance Program for the following projects:

- \$154,950 for the Guam Waterworks Authority Operations and Maintenance Training project; and

- \$173,442 for the Guam Department of Education Ten-Year Capital Facilities Master Plan update.

"I am delighted that OIA is making these federal funds available to Guam. Each year I work diligently with my colleagues from the territories to secure funding for

OIA's Technical Assistance and Maintenance Assistance Programs. These federal funds are particularly important given GovGuam's financial challenges, and the

programs they support will provide critical assistance and training in every sector on the island. I look forward to seeing the benefits to our community." (PR)

## Summer time = happy children



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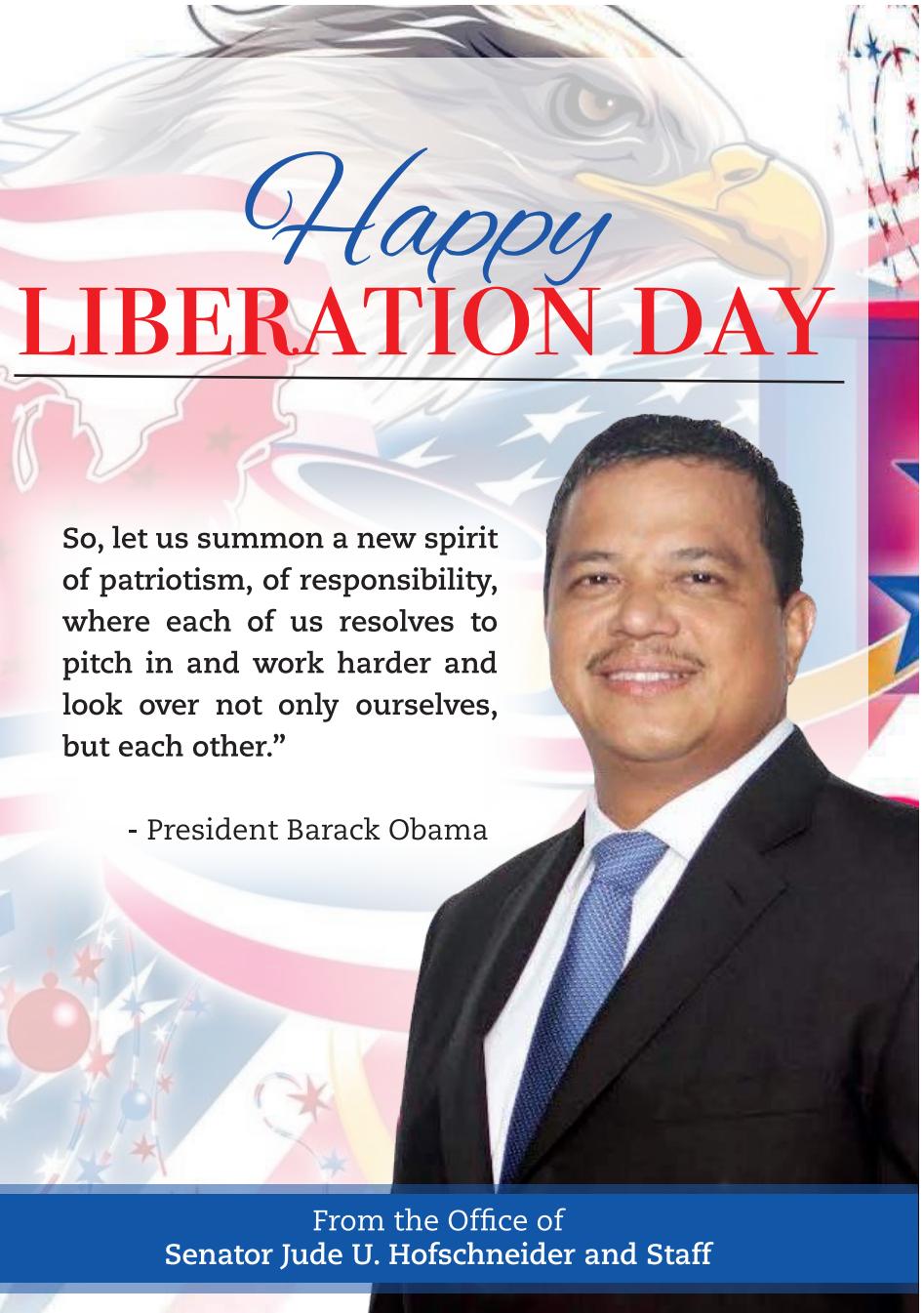
Esma Sablan Pagarao shows the 2018 Saipan-da backpacks that the Marianas Visitors Authority began distributing vouchers to arriving children on July 1, 2018. This is the 20th year the backpacks have been produced, and they are used annually in the MVA's "Happy Children in Paradise" campaign.

One of the Marianas Visitors Authority's longest standing promotional campaigns has returned to put smiles on the faces of visiting children.

On July 1, 2018, the "Happy Children in Paradise" began providing pink, orange, or blue Saipan-da backpacks to all visiting children ages 12 and younger as a souvenir of their visit to The Marianas during the summer months. The MVA expects to give away approximately 16,000 of the 20th anniversary backpacks to happy kids this summer. The program also runs during Christmas time.

This will be the final year for Saipan-da to be utilized for the "Happy Children in Paradise" campaign.

"Saipan-da has been an integral part of 'Happy Children in Paradise' and many other campaigns of the MVA over the last two decades, es-



## Happy LIBERATION DAY

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- President Barack Obama

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# Business

## EUROPEAN UNION WARNS TRUMP:

### Auto tariffs could lead to \$300B retaliation

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—The European Union on Monday slammed the Trump administration for considering tariffs on auto imports, saying they could lead to global retaliation against some \$300 billion in U.S. goods amid signs of a brewing trade war.

European Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said the U.S. investigation into the possibility of auto tariffs “lacks legitimacy, factual basis and violates international trade rules,” just like last month’s U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

The EU sent comments to the U.S. for consideration in the Department of Commerce investigation into whether auto imports pose enough of a threat to U.S. national security to justify tariffs and estimating the economic impact.

President Donald Trump cited national security concerns for the previous tariffs. The EU, which described the move as “pure protectionism,” introduced duties on U.S. products in return, as did Mexico, Canada, Turkey and India.

“European cars do not

threaten or impair the health of the U.S. industry and economy,” Schinas said. He noted that European carmakers create over half a million jobs in the U.S.

In its submission, the EU argues that trade restrictions would likely to lead to higher costs for U.S.-based producers, and in effect become a tax on American consumers. This would only be aggravated by the likely counter-measures the 28-nation bloc and other trading partners might take.

The EU responded to the steel and aluminum tariffs with “rebalancing measures” that hit around 2.8 billion euros (\$3.25 billion) worth of American-made products.

The EU said the U.S. auto industry is in good health, but any restrictive duties could undermine that trend.

The impact of retaliatory measures by Washington’s trading partners could total around \$294 billion—or around 19 percent of total U.S. exports in 2017, the EU estimates.

Last week, European Council President Donald Tusk warned that Trump’s policies

are harming trans-Atlantic relations and that “we must be ready to prepare our Union for worst-case scenarios.”

Tusk thinks Trump’s action on tariffs, pulling out of the global climate agreement and withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal—an agreement the Europeans say is vital to their security—is part of a pattern rather than isolated incidents. Any tariffs on EU cars would hit Germany hard.

EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom said that while the EU does have higher tariffs on cars than the U.S.—around 10 percent versus 2 percent—the tariffs only apply to a fraction of the car market, around 15 percent. The U.S. has higher tariffs on trucks and other products, she said.

Malmstrom said the EU cannot lift its car tariffs for the United States or it would have to do so for the rest of the world, and “there’s no way” EU member countries would agree to that.

Despite questioning the probe’s legitimacy, the EU has requested to take part in a Commerce public hearing on July 19-20.

### Puerto Rico governor rejects budget in challenge to board

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** (AP)—A disagreement over which budget Puerto Rico will use this fiscal year has deepened as the governor of the U.S. territory on Monday signed the version approved by legislators instead of the one implemented by a federal control board over the weekend.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello said the board’s budget is not in Puerto Rico’s best interest and that he is prepared to defend his decision, leading many to believe the issue might end up in court as Puerto Rico tries to restructure a portion of its \$70 billion public debt load amid an 11-year recession.

“I’m going to use all the tools I have in my arsenal to be able to defend the people of Puerto Rico,” he told reporters.

However, Rossello acknowledged that Puerto Ricans struggling after Hurricane Maria could still be hit by new austerity measures.

“I fear this is a symbolic gesture,” he said, referring to the signing of the legislators’ version of the budget. He added that a judge could rule in favor of the board.

Natalie Jaresko, the board’s executive director, told a round table of reporters Monday afternoon that she was not aware of Rossello’s actions and said the board will talk

with government officials before taking any steps.

“We will do everything within our means...to enforce the budget,” she said. “Courts are the first thing that comes to mind.”

However, she added that going to court would be “an unfortunate use of energy, efforts and taxpayer funds.”

Rossello later held a televised public address in which he called for an extraordinary legislative session in the hopes it would help overcome the differences between the board and his administration. He said legislators would consider several measures including one that would reduce tax rates for individuals and corporations and another that would repeal a law that affords protections to workers who might have been unfairly dismissed.

The board had said that if legislators repealed that law, it would help boost the island’s economy and would allow it to grant certain concessions that Rossello’s administration was seeking, including keeping a Christmas bonus.

Rossello’s announcement comes a day after the board that oversees the island’s finances approved an \$8.76 billion budget that cuts government spending by \$345 million, including a \$24 mil-

lion cut for the legislature, which would operate with \$111 million for fiscal year 2019. It is the smallest approved budget since fiscal year 2004 and allocates \$1.5 billion to education, \$790 million to public safety and \$413 million to corrections. It was not immediately clear how those allocations compared to previous budgets, since the one implemented by the board was structured differently. The budget aligns with the board’s fiscal plan and the austerity measures it contains, including a sharp increase in tuition at Puerto Rico’s largest public university and deep cuts to employees’ vacation and sick days.

On Monday, government officials said that some 4,500 public employees have signed up for a type of buyout plan aimed at reducing spending without resorting to layoffs.

The governor said he hopes the island’s Senate and the board can still reach an agreement that benefits the 3.3 million people of Puerto Rico, many of whom fear they will face even greater economic hardship in the future. More than 2,000 customers still remain without power more than nine months after the Category 4 storm hit, causing what is estimated to be more than \$100 billion in damage.

# Nation

### Hundreds celebrate the life of slain Maryland journalist

**OWINGS MILLS, Md.** (AP)—Days after journalist Rob Hiaasen and four colleagues were shot to death by a gunman who blasted his way into the Capital Gazette’s newsroom, an overflow crowd gathered on Monday evening to remember the man they loved in stories, poems and songs.

Attendees at the “celebration of life” held at a Maryland nature center said they would remember Hiaasen for how he lived, rather than the way he died senselessly at the hands of a gunman twisted by hate and festering rage. They sought solace with laughter and funny memories, but sobs occasionally punctuated the ceremony.

“I want to just remember what a wonderful person Rob was and what a great, wonderful, selfless life he led,” said Kevin Cowherd, one of several speakers who addressed the crowd of roughly 500 people assembled beneath a large white tent.

Cowherd, an author who worked with Hiaasen for years at The Baltimore Sun, described him as an open, fun-loving man who found humor in everything. As a writer, Hiaasen was versatile and drawn to the quirky, he said. As a colleague, he was kind and encouraging.

Hannah Hiaasen, his youngest daughter, said the family called him “Big Rob”—a nickname that perfectly fit the assistant managing editor who stood 6-foot-5. But it wasn’t just his height that made the nickname ring true to those who knew him best.

“He had a really, really big



Carl Hiaasen, center, brother of Rob Hiaasen, one of the journalists killed in the shooting at The Capital Gazette newspaper offices, is consoled by his sisters Barb, left, and Judy during a memorial service, Monday, July 2, 2018, in Owings Mills, Md.

heart,” she said, before reading a poem in her dad’s honor.

Meanwhile, Maryland police investigating America’s latest mass murder said Monday that Jarrod Ramos, the man charged with the slayings, sent three threatening letters on the day of the attack.

Sgt. Jacklyn Davis, a spokeswoman for Anne Arundel County police, said the letters were received Monday.

Ramos, 38, has a well-documented history of harassing the paper’s journalists.

He filed a defamation suit in 2012 that was thrown out as groundless and often railed against them in profanity-laced tweets. Ramos was arrested by police after the attack Thursday. He is in custody and faces five counts of first-degree murder.

Tom Marquardt, the one-time publisher of the Capital Gazette, told The Associated Press at Hiaasen’s memorial that Ramos sent one letter to a company lawyer saying he was on his way to the Annapolis newspaper “to kill as many people” as he could. The letter dated June 28—the day of the deadly attack—

was sent to Robert C. Douglas, a lawyer for the newspaper, Marquardt said.

“In that letter, he was talking to the appeals court judge and suggesting that he didn’t do a very good job on the case and as a result he was going to have to take out his vengeance in a different way,” Marquardt told AP.

Letters were also sent to a Baltimore judge, as well as a judge at the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

At the heartrending gathering for Hiaasen, friends and colleagues lauded him as a dedicated professional who was committed to the craft of journalism and loved mentoring the next generation of reporters. He was remembered for his love of family and enduring pride in his job. He made friends easily and had a bunch of them.

The Baltimore-based novelist Anne Tyler, whose works include “The Accidental Tourist” and the Pulitzer-prize-winning “Breathing Lessons,” joined Hiaasen’s family and colleagues to honor the friend she says she already misses.

### Judges thrust into debate over Trump’s immigration policies

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Inside a small courtroom, a half-dozen immigrant teens and their families sat anxiously on wooden benches awaiting their immigration court hearing.

An attorney for a nonprofit gave a quick overview in Spanish of U.S. immigration law and what they needed to do: Speak loudly. Ask for clarification if you don’t understand something. Be honest with the judge about what drove you to travel to the United States.

Moments later, Judge

Lori Bass peered at the crowd through red-rimmed eyeglasses and in a gentle voice asked the children their names, ages and if they were attending school, which many answered with a resounding “yes” in English.

She then turned her attention to the moms, dads and uncles sitting beside them.

“The purpose of these proceedings is to see whether the children can stay in the United States or whether they have to leave the United States,” she said. “This is extremely important, and

you really need to understand everything.”

The same scene that played out in a Los Angeles courtroom is encountered each year by thousands of Central American children who travel through Mexico and get caught trying to cross the U.S. border. In most cases, they are sent to live with relatives already in the United States. But the U.S. government still tries to deport them, and many of their fates are decided by the country’s 335 immigration judges.

# Asia

**AFTER 10 DAYS LOST IN THAI CAVE**

## 12 boys, coach in stable health

**MAE SAI, Thailand** (AP)—The 12 boys and soccer coach found in a partially flooded cave in northern Thailand after 10 days are mostly in stable medical condition and have received high-protein liquid food, officials said Tuesday, though it is not known when they will be able to go home.

Video released early Tuesday by the Thai navy showed the boys in their soccer uniforms sitting on a dry area inside the cave above the water as a spotlight, apparently from a rescuer, illuminated their faces. The boys were found late Monday night during a desperate search that drew international help and captivated the nation.

Chiang Rai provincial Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn said the health of the boys and coach were checked using a field assessment in which red is critical condition, yellow is serious and green is stable.

"We found that most of the boys are in green condition," he said. "Maybe some of the boys have injuries or light injuries and would be categorized as yellow condition. But no one is in red condition."

When the group will be able to leave the cave isn't known due to flooding and other factors that could make their extraction dangerous. Experts have said it could be safer to simply supply them where they are for now. Thailand's rainy season typically lasts through October.

Family members of the

## Amnesty: Indonesian forces behind unlawful killings in Papua

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Indonesia's police and military are responsible for at least 95 unlawful killings in the easternmost Papua region since 2010, including targeted slayings of activists, Amnesty International said Monday, condemning a near-total absence of justice for the mainly indigenous victims.

In a report based on two years of research, Amnesty said that more than half the victims were either political activists or people taking part in peaceful protests often unrelated to the Papuan independence movement. Security forces often explain their use of deadly force in Papua as a justified response to violent separatists.

It said none of the killings was the subject of independent criminal investigation. In about a third of the cases, there was not even an internal investigation. When police or



This Monday, July 2, 2018, photo released by Tham Luang Rescue Operation Center, shows the boys and their soccer coach as they were found in a partially flooded cave, in Mae Sai, Chiang Rai, Thailand.

missing hugged each other and cheered as they heard they had been found.

Aisha Wiboonrungueng, the mother of 11-year-old Chanin Wiboonrungueng, smiled and hugged her family as news of their discovery spread. She said she would cook her son a Thai omelet, his favorite food, when he returns home.

Rescue divers had spent much of Monday making preparations for a final push to locate the lost soccer players, aged 11 to 16, and their 25-year-old coach. Flooding trapped them after they entered the Tham Luang Nang Non cave in Chiang Rai on June 23.

Divers found the group about 300-400 meters (yards) past a section of the cave on higher ground that was thought to be where they might have taken shelter.

In the 5-minute navy video, the boys are quiet as they sit on their haunches, legs bent in front of them. "You are very strong," one of the rescuers says in English. Someone asks what day it is, and the rescuer responds, "Monday. Monday. You have been here—10 days."

One boy, noticing the camera and hearing unfamiliar words, says in Thai, "Oh, they want to take a picture; tell him we're hungry. I haven't had anything to eat."

Then the boy breaks into simple English, saying, "Eat, eat, eat," to which another voice responds in Thai that he already told that to the rescuer.

Narongsak said Tuesday that the missing were given high-protein liquid food, painkillers and antibiotics. He said doctors had advised giving the medicine as a preventative measure.

The army's spokesman in Papua province, Col. Muhammad Aidi, rejected Amnesty's report, describing it as "untrue and baseless."

"It is clearly slandering the government and trying to corner the army and police," he told The Associated Press.

Aidi claimed the rights group's investigations were "just based on interviews" and ignored the background to incidents. Amnesty's 66-page report, however, provides extensive detail and context and acknowledges that police and the military face a "complex environment" in the two Papuan provinces.

A majority of the killings documented by Amnesty were the result of unnecessary or excessive use of force during protests or law enforcement operations and unlawful acts by individual officers, it said.

# World

## Compromise reached in German government migration standoff

**BERLIN** (AP)—Chancellor Angela Merkel and her rebellious political allies broke an impasse over immigration that threatened to bring down Germany's coalition government by agreeing on a compromise late Monday that both sides said addressed their concerns.

Merkel has been at odds for more than three weeks with Interior Minister Horst Seehofer over his insistence that migrants who have sought asylum elsewhere in the European Union should be turned away at Germany's borders.

Seehofer leads the Christian Social Union, the sister party to the chancellor's Christian Democratic Union.

Merkel was equally steadfast in arguing that such a unilateral action would cause other countries to close their borders and jeopardize the passport-free movement that is a hallmark of Europe's Schengen zone.

But the two emerged from about five hours of talks saying they agreed to establish "transit centers" on Germany's border with Austria where asylum-seekers would be evaluated and, if it turned out they already had applied for protection,

in another EU country, sent back to that country.

Individuals who are rejected by those countries will be pointed back into Austria "upon agreement" with Vienna, according to the deal that Merkel called a "very good compromise."

"The spirit of partnership within the European Union is protected, and at the same time it's a decisive step to regulate and organize secondary migration," she told reporters without taking questions.

It was not immediately clear whether Austria had already agreed to the provision. Whether the two conservative parties would be able to get Merkel's junior coalition partner, the center-left Social Democratic Party, to agree also was an open question. The Social Democrats previously rejected the idea of transit centers.

While the deal sounded very similar to one offered by Merkel and rejected by Seehofer last week, the interior minister said he was happy with it, saying the compromise would have a "very clear lasting effect on the future."

Seehofer offered his resignation both as interior minister just short of a majority.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Captain pleads innocent as Malta seeks to seize rescue boat

**VALLETTA, Malta** (AP)—The German captain of a private ship that rescues migrants in the Mediterranean Sea pleaded innocent Monday to charges that he entered Malta's waters illegally and without proper registration, a case that reflects Europe's heightened determination to keep asylum-seekers from reaching the continent. At Claus-Peter Reisch's arraignment in the island nation's capital, Valletta, prosecutors also asked a magistrate to order the confiscation of the vessel he directed to Malta, the Lifeline. The boat's crew picked up 234 migrants in waters off Libya last month. The destination of the rescued passengers became the subject of a dispute among European nations. Malta last week gave the ship safe harbor, but only after Italy and seven other nations, in addition to Malta, pledged to each take some of the migrants. Several hundred thousand migrants have arrived in Italy after being rescued at sea in recent years, many of them ferried to shore by private rescue boats. The right-wing interior minister in Italy's new, populist government, Matteo Salvini, has vowed that no more such vessels will dock in Italian ports.

#### Astronomers report 1st image of baby planet being formed

**BERLIN** (AP)—Astronomers say they've captured the first confirmed image of a planet forming in the dust swirling around a young star. Scientists said Monday the planet appears as a bright spot in the snapshot taken using

ter and leader of the Bavaria-only CSU at a party meeting Sunday. He agreed to put it off until after one more round of talks with Merkel and said Monday he would remain in both posts.

"I'm happy we were able to achieve this compromise, and it shows that it pays off to fight for your convictions," Seehofer said.

Seehofer and Merkel have long had a difficult relationship and sparred over Germany's approach to managing immigration on and off since 2015, when the chancellor welcomed refugees into the country.

However, the current dispute arose as far fewer newcomers have sought to enter Germany. It came ahead of a difficult Bavarian state election set for October that has the CSU determined to show that it is tough on migration.

In recent days, speculation focused on the possibility that Merkel would fire Seehofer if he went ahead with his plan. That would likely have ended the seven-decade partnership of the CDU and CSU, which have a joint parliamentary group, and would leave the government just short of a majority.

the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope in Chile. Miriam Kepler of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Germany said hints of baby planets have been detected before, but astronomers weren't sure whether those observations might simply be features in the swirling dust. In a paper to be published in the journal *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, scientists describe the planet, located about 3 billion kilometers (1.86 billion miles) from the star PDS 70, as a gas giant bigger than Jupiter. They say it has a cloudy atmosphere and a surface temperature of 1,000 degrees Celsius (1,832 degrees Fahrenheit).

#### Israel denies entry to Jewish-American boycott activist

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Israel has denied entry to a Jewish-American activist for advocating boycotts of the Jewish state. Israel's immigration authority says the activist, Ariel Gold, arrived to Israel Sunday and was refused entry at the airport. Israel's Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan said "whoever works consistently for a boycott against Israel will not enter here." Gold is the national co-director of CODEPINK, a group that advocates for boycotts over Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. In a statement, the group said Gold was held for seven hours before being flown back to the U.S., where she will arrive Monday. Israel has been battling a grassroots movement calling for boycotts, sanctions and divestment. It has previously barred entry to other activists.

# Focus

PORT OF OAKLAND

# US-CHINA TARIFFS: What's behind them, who stands to be hurt?

By PAUL WISEMAN  
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**W**ASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump has boldly declared that trade wars are easy to win. He's about to find out.

Barring a last-minute breakthrough, the Trump administration on Friday will start imposing tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese imports. And China will promptly strike back with tariffs on an equal amount of U.S. exports.

And just like that, a high-risk trade war between the world's two biggest economies will begin—one that could quickly escalate.

"I see us running into a full collision course in a few days," said Ashley Craig, a trade lawyer at Venable LLP. "It seems as if both sides are fairly dug in."

Here's a look at what's happening this week and its likely impact.

## WHAT IS THE US DOING?

The White House last month announced plans to slap 25 percent tariffs on roughly 1,100 goods imported from China, worth \$50 billion a year. It had originally proposed the tariffs in April, starting with 1,333 Chinese products. After receiving public feedback, the administration cut 515 imports from the blacklist and added 284 others.

Starting Friday, the U.S. will tax 818 Chinese products, worth \$34 billion a year, from the original list. It won't target the 284 additions, worth \$16 billion, until it gathers further public comments.

## HOW IS CHINA RESPONDING?

China has warned that it won't yield to Trump's pressure. If the U.S. starts taxing Chinese imports Friday, Beijing plans to impose 25 percent tariffs on 545 U.S. products worth \$34 billion a year—from soybeans and lobsters to sport-utility vehicles and whiskey. China is considering a follow-up tariff on an additional 114 U.S. goods, worth \$16 billion a year.

Beijing's target list of U.S. goods to penalize is heavy on agriculture. That's hardly a coincidence. Its tariffs are meant to deliver pain to American farmers, who overwhelmingly backed Trump in the 2016 election and whose interests are represented by powerful lobbyists and members of Congress.

In the meantime, Trump has told his U.S. trade representative, Robert Lighthizer, to identify an additional \$200 billion in Chinese goods for 10 percent tariffs. These penalties would take effect, Trump has said, if Beijing fails to reform its trade practices and proceed with retaliatory tariffs.

The stakes could rise further yet: Trump has threatened tariffs on still another \$200 billion in Chinese products if Beijing continues to retaliate.

## WHAT'S BEHIND THE US-CHINA RIFT?

The Trump administration has accused China of using predatory tactics in a lawless drive to overtake America's technological supremacy. U.S. officials point to Beijing's long-range development plan, "Made in China 2025," which calls for creating powerful Chinese entities in such areas as information technology, robotics, aerospace equipment, electric vehicles and biopharmaceuticals.

Foreign business groups argue that

"Made in China 2025" is unfairly forcing them to the sidelines in those industries. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative concluded after an investigation that China's tactics range from requiring U.S. and other foreign companies to hand over technology in return for access to the vast Chinese market to outright cyber-theft. The U.S. also asserts that Beijing uses state money to buy American technology at prices unaffordable for private companies.

In May, the White House had said it would announce curbs on Chinese investment in U.S. technology by June 30 and impose those restrictions shortly thereafter. But last week, it dropped that plan.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO THE INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS?

The administration settled last week on a less draconian plan: It would back an effort in Congress to strengthen reviews of foreign investment under the existing Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS. This committee, led by the Treasury secretary, considers whether a foreign investment poses a risk to America's national security. These reviews apply to all countries—not just China—and are conducted on a case-by-case basis.

The House has approved a bill to strengthen the CFIUS law, and the bill will likely be considered by a House-Senate conference committee for a Senate-approved defense measure.

## WHAT'S THE LIKELY IMPACT FROM A US-CHINA TRADE WAR?

The initial fusillade of tariffs will likely do little damage to the United

States, China or the global economy. But if they escalate, the pain will deepen and spread.

Economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch have warned that a full-fledged trade war, especially one that lasts more than a year, would slow the U.S. economy. By disrupting supply chains, eroding business confidence and heightening uncertainty, a trade war, they say, could "push the economy toward full-blown recession" and jeopardize America's economic expansion—the second-longest on record.

Many individual businesses could soon endure hardship, too. Consider American soybean farmers, who send about 60 percent of their exports to China. Their shipments will now be subject to a 25 percent tariff, which will instantly make their crops far costlier in China.

What's more, the U.S. tariffs on imported Chinese products could end up hurting American manufacturers. The Peterson Institute for International Economics calculates that 85 percent of the Chinese products to be hit by the initial Trump tariffs are machinery and components used in finished goods made in the United States. A result is that U.S. manufacturers will have to pay more for parts and equipment, thereby putting them at a competitive disadvantage to foreign rivals.

## ISN'T THE U.S. ALSO SPARRING WITH OTHER TRADING PARTNERS?

Yes. Trump is battling in just about every direction. He has slapped tariffs on imported steel and aluminum—action that has drawn retaliatory tariffs from U.S. allies like Canada, Mexico and the European

Union. The president is also threatening to impose tariffs on imported vehicles and auto parts on the grounds that they pose a threat to America's national security.

And he is pressuring Canada and Mexico to agree to rewrite the North American Free Trade Agreement to shift more auto production to the United States and encourage companies to move investment from Mexico to the United States.

By brawling with America's friends, critics say, Trump has squandered an opportunity to build a united front against China. After all, Europe, Japan and other rich countries have the same complaints about Chinese trade practices that America does.

## IS THERE ANY REASON TO EXPECT A RESOLUTION?

Maybe. For a time, it looked as though peace might be at hand. In May, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin declared the trade war "on hold." The Trump administration suspended its tariffs after Beijing agreed to increase its purchases of U.S. goods, especially in agriculture and energy. The idea was that China's additional purchases would shrink its trade surplus with the United States. Yet the cease-fire was short-lived. Critics dismissed Beijing's commitments as vague, and Trump decided to proceed with the tariffs after all.

The top White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, has said the two countries are "in communication"—although there's been no word of any formal negotiations. Trump himself told Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures With Maria Bartiromo" that "China wants to make a deal, and so do I, but it's got to be a fair deal for this country."



In this May 21, 2018, file photo container ships are unloaded at the Port of Oakland in Oakland, Calif. Barring a last-minute breakthrough, the Trump administration on Friday, July 6, will start imposing tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese imports. And China will promptly strike back with tariffs on an equal amount of U.S. exports.

# Good Housekeeping

## Ping pong in the landscape a most beautiful gomphrena



Purple gomphrena complements yellow flowers like these dwarf sunflowers.

By NORMAN WINTER  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

If there was a flower that was the proverbial poster child of underutilized flowers it would have to be the globe amaranth or gomphrena. Two years ago, the Ping Pong series slipped under the radar with its debut and quietly won accolades in trials from South Texas to Pennsylvania.

This summer in Columbus, Ga., it has amazed me with its perseverance through what seems to be never-ending moisture, heat, and humidity. It's botanically, gomphrena globosa and is native to Panama and Guatemala. The Ping Pong series comes in three colors purple, lavender and white and a mix.

Reaching 20-inches in full sun it gives a vertical dimension to the flower border. It is almost like they are floating on air. You will also have a bountiful supply of cuts for the vase. They can also be hung upside down to dry and then used in a vase or potpourri dishes as an everlasting.

In the garden, they are indeed the real troopers blooming all summer in the intense heat and humidity. You might be thinking anything that thrives all summer must be ugly and weed-like. This is simply not the case as these flowers show out with their vibrant colors. Few pest problems, drought tolerant,

is mandatory. Once the dryer season arrives, established gomphrena plants will become drought tolerant.

Space plants at least 18 to 24-inches apart. Plant them at the same depth if they are growing in the container. It is, however, a good idea to add a layer of mulch to conserve moisture and retard weed growth.

Remove old flowers to keep the plant tidy and looking its

best, as well as to keep those little, round flowers coming. Feed plants about every six weeks with the same fertilizer you used in bed preparation.

Try the Ping Pong purple with yellow flowers like the Profusion Yellow zinnia or New Gold lantana and, it is incredible with lime green coleus. In a rare cottage garden look in Columbus, the designer used the Ping Pong Laven-

der in a large sweeping border with Calliope geranium, Cora vinca, Cathedral salvia and Intensia phlox.

The street in front of the home becomes a traffic jam of flower gawkers gazing at this bed and the neighbors across the street. Flowers have power and this can happen in your garden too! You'll notice that all the while the Ping Pong gomphrenas are dazzling they

also bringing in pollinators. This isn't too bad for an annual that is the 'poster child' for the most underutilized flower.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of, "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @Norman-WinterTheGardenGuy.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

# †Antonio T. Mendiola

January 17, 1936 - June 30, 2018

**In his new life, he now joins his:**

Parents	: †Vicente C. and †Rosa T. Mendiola
Parents In-Law	: †Pedro S. and †Guadalupe B. Blas
Daughter & Son In-Law	: †Maria M. and †Joseph D. Dela Rosa
Grand Daughter	: †Marisa M. Dela Rosa

**He will be forever remembered in the hearts of his:**

Wife	: Lucia B. Mendiola
Children	: Irene P. and Antonio C. Deleon Guerrero (Joycelyn) Charlene M. and Patrick Tenorio (Dirk/Monique, Cadez/Trina, Anthony/Nanami, Peter Michael, Patrick/Niomi, Ioannis Rasa) John Daryl †Joseph D. and †Maria M. Dela Rosa (Casey T. Mendiola, Joseph Jr /Adela Dela Rosa, Maisy D./ John Green, Antolynn) Edwin P. Blas Barbara B. Matagolai and John Tutiy Segundo Jr. and Donnie P. Blas (Matthew, Nadine, Robert)

**Brothers, Sisters, & In-Laws:**

†Ignacio T. and Joaquina T. Mendiola (Casey, Tia and Danny Reginald)	: †Jose and †Teresita B. Diaz
Ricardo T. / †Mariana K. Mendiola	: †Jesus B. and †Soledad A. Blas
†Vicente and Delfina M. Soram	Alexandro and Victorina B. Cabrera
†Manuel and †Delgadina B. Matagolai	†Eugene and Casilda B. Repeki
†Vicente and †Maria B. Manibusan	Augustin and Asinta B. Pangelinan
	Leonora A. Blas and Anthony Macaranas

**He will be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.**

Daily mass is being offered at 6am at Mount Carmel Cathedral. On Saturday, July 07, 2018, his remains will be escorted from the CHCC chapel to the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 12:30 p.m. Responsorial recitation of the holy rosary, and viewing will take place upon arrival. Mass of Christian will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m., followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated.

Thank You - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

*Lucia B. Mendiola, Children, & Family*

# Life & Style

## Bono warns that existence of UN, EU and NATO are threatened

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)— Irish rock star Bono warned Monday that the United Nations and other international institutions including the European Union and NATO are under threat — and nations must work together to ensure their continued existence.

The Dublin-born U2 singer and activist gave a sobering speech to several hundred U.N. diplomats and staff at an event launching Ireland's candidacy for a seat on the powerful Security Council in 2021-22 saying "you can count on Ireland to do its part in that work."

While Bono didn't name any countries responsible for threatening global institutions during these "troubled times," his words appeared clearly aimed at U.S. President Donald Trump, who has criticized the EU and NATO. The American leader has also pulled out of the Paris climate agreement which the singer cited, and taken aim at the World Trade Organization with new U.S. tariffs, an institution Bono said is also under threat.

Speaking of the United Nations, Bono said, "I love that it exists, and I'll tell you, I don't take for granted that it exists, or that it will continue to exist because let's be honest, we live in a time when institutions as vital to human progress as the United Nations are under attack."

He then said the EU, NATO and the Group of Seven major industrialized nations have also been threatened.



U2 lead singer Bono, center, walks on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

Cabinet on the planet."

"That Canada is nice is the worst thing I can say about them," he said.

As for Norway, he said, "who could ask for a better neighbor or committed peace-maker?"

"Here's the worst thing I can say about them, they're tall. They're too tall," he said.

Bono, who is not tall, joked, "we bear no nation — even tall ones — any ill will."

But he said the world needs Ireland's storytelling talents and its ability to compromise "because that's how you achieve peace."

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar formally launched Ireland's campaign for a council seat at the reception on the U.N.'s lawn that included Irish dancing and music — but no singing from Bono.

"We see ourselves as an island at the center of the world," Varadkar said. "And we're deeply aware that in an interdependent world, the great challenges of our time do not know international boundaries."

Varadkar said Ireland's independence in 1921 out of war and violence, and its U.N. membership since 1955 have led the country to be a promoter of freedom and defender of human rights.

"The United Nations is the conscience of our humanity," he said. "In these troubled and uncertain times, as a global island we want to play our part in defending, supporting and promoting its values."

"And not just these institutions but what they stand for — an international order based on shared values and shared rules, an international order that is facing the greatest test in its 70-year history," Bono said. "Not just these institutions but what they've achieved is at risk."

On Sunday night, the Irish government invited ambassadors from the 192 other U.N. member nations to Bono's concert at Madison Square Garden as part of its launch for a council seat.

Bono, who is also a human rights and humanitarian activist and philanthropist, joked Monday evening that it was "unusual having a load of ambassadors jumping up and down at a rock and roll show."

He told the diplomats: "at least you weren't shouting at each other, so that was good." But his speech was both his

sobering assessment of the state of the world and an appeal to the diplomats to back Ireland for a council seat.

Ireland is expected to be in a three-way race against Canada and Norway for two seats reserved for Western nations on the Security Council. Elections to fill the seats for a two-year term will be held in June 2020.

Bono said Ireland's experience of colonialism, conflict,

famine, mass migration "give us kind of a hard-earned expertise in these problems, and empathy and I hope humility."

"If you look at the agenda of what the Security Council will be addressing in the coming years, doesn't it look a lot like us?" he asked.

Bono said he just came back from Canada and praised Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as "a remarkable leader who's put together the most diverse

and The Wasp" are your next-best bet. As different as they are, the two films have one crucial thing in common: No outer space.

Just as "Black Panther" styled itself after a spy thriller, "Ant-Man" takes from the heist movie. The first installment in 2015 was a somewhat muddled franchise debut, thanks to a late director shuffle. Peyton Reed, who took over production on the first one, is back here, and he has carved out a real identity for Paul Rudd's character, among the most self-contained in Marvel's "cinematic universe."

And more than its predecessor, "Ant-Man and The Wasp" has adopted the goofball charm of its leading man. Coming a few years after "Ant-Man," Rudd's Scott Lang is now under house arrest for his involvement in the

Berlin showdown of "Captain America: Civil War." When his 10-year-old daughter Cassie (Abby Ryder Fortson) isn't around, he passes the time playing drums and learning magic tricks. With just days to go before Randall Park's S.H.I.E.L.D. agent is to remove Lang's monitoring device, he's summoned by the brains behind their last adventure: Dr. Hank Pym (a sometimes in-the-way Michael Douglas) and Pym's daughter Hope van Dyne (Evangeline Lilly), whose tragic backstory has left her burning (figuratively) and blurry (literally) with anger for being robbed of a bodily existence.

Pym believes his wife, Janet (Michelle Pfeiffer) has for the last 30 years been locked away in the "quantum realm," a mind- and matter-bending subatomic limbo that, it turns out, has predictably done curiously little damage to the indestructible Pfeiffer. A Tech-

nicolor blur of floating blobs, the quantum realm looks like a lava lamp's dream of heaven.

To send someone into the realm on a rescue mission, Pym and Van Dyne have built a sophisticated laboratory many stories high that, with a click of a remote, they can shrink down to carry-on size.

Their plans bring them into contact with a black-market dealer (Walton Goggins) and an old academic colleague of

Pym's (Laurence Fishburne). It also attracts the interest of the film's villain, Ghost (Hannah John-Kamen), whose tragic backstory has left her burning (figuratively) and blurry (literally) with anger for being robbed of a bodily existence.

The plot is fine but many of the pleasures of "Ant-Man and The Wasp" come from its digressions. And no one better breaks down the molecular structure of a Marvel movie than Michael Pena. Every time

## Review: 'Ant-Man and The Wasp' punches above its weight

By JAKE COYLE  
AP FILM WRITER

Not since *Animal against the advice of Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and Beaker ingested Insta-Growth pills has a movie had as much fun with scale as "Ant-Man and The Wasp."*

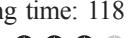
Among the greatest threats to the shape-shifting heroes of the Marvel sequel are windshield wipers, salt shakers and seagulls. This is surely the first movie to weaponize that most fearsome of terrors: a giant Hello Kitty Pez dispenser. In one of the film's finest moments, a loud, careening chase culminates in a dramatic fall into the ocean sounded not with an explosive splash but with a tiny ripple and a "Plink!"

In both scale and ambition, "Ant-Man and The Wasp" is an altogether more modest affair, and it's so much the bet-

ter for it. Most Marvel movies strenuously insist on how much they matter — how much a carefully stitched together comic-book apparatus hangs in the balance — with only an occasional aside to acknowledge their inherent silliness. But slapstick is in the DNA of "Ant-Man and The Wasp."

For some Marvel devotees, "Ant-Man and The Wasp" will be a clever enough diversion in between the more main-event releases. But it's pretty much exactly what I'd want in a superhero movie: a funny cast, zippy action scenes and not an infinity stone in sight.

The Marvel product has, it should be noted, grown more dynamic and varied in recent years. But if you're not going to reach the mythic heights of "Black Panther," the light-hearted antics of "Ant-Man



# Harvey Weinstein charged with sex crime against a 3rd woman

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Harvey Weinstein was charged Monday with a sex crime against a third woman, as New York prosecutors continue building cases against the former Hollywood studio boss whose downfall ushered in the #MeToo movement.

Manhattan's district attorney announced the charges in an updated indictment, saying Weinstein performed a forcible sex act on the woman in 2006.

"A Manhattan grand jury has now indicted Harvey Weinstein on some of the

most serious sexual offenses that exist under New York's penal law," District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said in a statement. "Our investigation continues. If you are a survivor of the predatory abuse with which Mr. Weinstein is charged, there is still time to pursue justice."

Vance said Weinstein was charged with another count of criminal sexual act and two counts of predatory sexual assault. The latter carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Weinstein is scheduled for



In this June 5, 2018, file photo, Harvey Weinstein arrives to court in New York. Weinstein has been accused of a forcible sex act by a third woman in an updated indictment. AP

## Investigative reporter Brian Ross leaving ABC News

**NEW YORK (AP)**—ABC News investigative reporter Brian Ross and his top producer are leaving the network, seven months after he was suspended for an incorrect report on the Trump administration.

Ross said in a note to ABC staff on Monday that he and producer Rhonda Schwartz are leaving ABC, but not investigative journalism. Ross wrote that "there is so much more to do." They have not said what their next step would be.

Ross incorrectly reported in December that Donald Trump, while a candidate for

president, had directed Michael Flynn to make contact with the Russians. Instead, the request to Flynn, who was briefly national security adviser, came when Trump was president-elect.

For that, Ross was suspended for four weeks and told he could no longer report on Trump for ABC. The network's news president, James Goldston, noted they had won several awards for their investigative work while at ABC, including 17 news Emmys.

"We wish them well in their next chapter," he said.

## Andy Dick charged with groping woman on Los Angeles street

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Comedian Andy Dick has been charged with groping a woman on a Los Angeles street earlier this year.

City Attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan, says misdemeanor sexual battery and battery charges were filed Wednesday. He is scheduled to be arraigned on July 18.

Mateljan says a woman reported that Dick groped her on April 5.

Dick's representatives did not immediately respond to an email request for comment about the charges.

The 52-year-old comedian had a long-running stint in the 1990s on NBC's "NewsRadio" and briefly had his own

MTV program, "The Andy Dick Show."

He has been arrested and sued over several groping accusations, including a 2010 incident involving a bouncer and patron at a West Virginia bar. Criminal charges were dismissed after Dick completed a pretrial diversion program.

arraignment on the new charges July 9. A lawyer for Weinstein said the 66-year-old former movie mogul will plead not guilty.

"Mr. Weinstein maintains that all of these allegations are false and he expects to be fully vindicated," lawyer Ben Brafman said.

A grand jury previously indicted Weinstein on charges involving two women. One of the alleged victims in the criminal case, who has not been identified publicly, told investigators that Weinstein cornered her in a hotel room and raped her in 2013. The other accuser, former actress Lucia Evans, has gone public

with her account of Weinstein forcing her to perform oral sex at his office in 2004.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assaults unless they

## Joe Jackson buried in same LA-area cemetery as son Michael

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Jackson family patriarch Joseph Jackson has been buried in the same Southern California cemetery as his late son Michael.

A source close to the family who is not authorized to speak publicly said Joe Jackson was laid to rest Monday in a private ceremony at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale.

Jackson died Wednesday in Las Vegas at age 89 and is survived by wife Katherine, eight children and dozens of grandchildren.

Eldest son Jackie Jackson posted a photo of himself on Instagram Monday afternoon in a black suit and sunglasses while dressing one of his young twin sons in a similar suit.

Michael Jackson was entombed in 2009 in the mausoleum at the opulent cemetery that is also the final resting place of Elizabeth Taylor and Walt Disney.



In this Nov. 7, 2011 file photo, Michael Jackson's parents Joe and Katherine Jackson arrive at the Criminal Justice Center in downtown Los Angeles, after it was announced that jurors had reached a verdict in the involuntary manslaughter trial of Dr. Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's physician when the pop star died in 2009. AP

## Disapproving son tries to put an end to mother's romance

**D**EAR ABBY: I am a 64-year-old widow who lost my husband 5 1/2 years ago. I became reacquainted with a former classmate at a high school reunion, and we started dating. He makes me laugh, takes me to dinner and movies, and we have a great time together.

One night, I let him stay over because he was going to go to church with me the next morning. He lives 45 minutes away. My son drove by (intentionally), saw his car and confronted us at church in front of people. He walked up to my friend and said, "Well, how did you enjoy your sleepover at my mother's house last night?" This was the first time they had ever met!

Their bitterness toward each other has escalated, and now my son has given me an ultimatum: Choose between his family or my friend. He has my only grandchildren.

I am so depressed, I don't know what to do. I don't want my son dictating my life, but I want to see my grandchildren. They truly are the most important people in my life. I could break up with my friend, but then my son would think he won. Any thoughts?

SO, SO SAD

**DEAR SAD:** You are all adults. Your son was a mile out of line to do what he did. Why would he be patrolling your home? Personally, I think what he did was a little sick.

**This is not a question of winning or losing. For your own sake, you must not allow him to tell you how to conduct your personal life. I would recommend family therapy for all of you if your self-righteous son would agree. But if he won't, my advice to you is to live your own life.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am getting married soon to the best guy ever, and I couldn't be more excited. My older sister is my maid of honor, and she has been doing an amazing job with the planning of my bachelorette party, showers, etc.

Two years ago, my sister was engaged to a man named "Sean." Six months before their wedding, Sean broke the engagement without warning, and along with it, my sister's and my family's hearts. About a month ago, they decided to get back together and are trying to make things work.

My fiance and I have decided not to invite Sean to our wedding. We believe it's too soon for him to be around the family, but more importantly, we don't think our wedding day is an appropriate time for him to be "re-introduced." Is it selfish to exclude him from our nuptials? How should we tell my sister?

SELFISH IN THE WEST

**DEAR SELFISH:** I'm glad you asked. While it's your right as the bride to exclude whomever you choose, it would be selfish

**DEAR ABBY**  
By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



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**and I strongly advise you—for the sake of future family harmony—not to do this. Your sister has been doing everything she can to make this milestone event in your life wonderful. To exclude Sean would be a poor way to thank her for her efforts.**

**DEAR READERS:** Have a very happy and healthy Fourth of July, everyone. And please be safe!

**LOVE, ABBY**

*Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbook Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

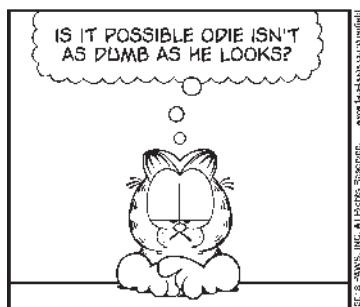
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Watterson

## Garfield®



By Jim Davis

## Adam@home



By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Last (Abbr.)	43	"Yippee!"	5	Day light	29 Spruced up
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17 Crème —	51	Comedy club	8	Police ID	34 "I did it!"
18 Draws close	54	event for amateurs, maybe	9	Pan handler?	38 Nautical chart
19 Yule quaff	55	Part of DJIA	10	Without help	40 O. Henry's specialty
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24 NASA moon craft	57	Weak	12	CIA forerunner	43 Pile
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Solution time: 23 mins.



Yesterday's answer 7-4

### CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Melanie Fiona, 35; Becki Newton, 40; Geraldo Rivera, 75; Neil Simon, 91.

**Happy Birthday:** Don't lose sight of your goals. Piling too much on your plate will be what holds you back this year. Stay focused on what's most important to you, and refuse to let what others do sidetrack you. An aggressive approach to saving and making your cash work for you will lead to greater options and less stress. Your numbers are 7, 13, 22, 26, 33, 39, 41.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't let anyone limit what you can do. Listen to reason, but make up your own mind. Use your strength, courage and intelligence to help you make your mark and live life your way. Romance will relieve stress. ☀★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): An encounter you have with someone will leave you feeling down. Approach others with caution, and be willing to let everyone have his or her own opinion. Stubbornness will be what stands between you and victory. Share and avoid pressure. ☀★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Stick to the basics; you'll get the most accomplished. Don't let anyone interfere with your plans, or you will become confused and uncertain about what to do next. Rely on what you know, not what others try to persuade you to believe. ☀

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Live and learn. Be observant as well as cautious when handling financial and medical matters. Know what you are up against and act

accordingly. Serious situations will require special attention and precision if you plan to reach your destination unscathed. ☀★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Shake off negativity. It's not worth arguing over something you cannot change or with someone who is rigid. Focus on personal change that will help you project a positive image of the person you are and what you have to offer. ☀★

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share with someone you love or enjoy working alongside. Collaborating will encourage a closer bond and bring you better results. Don't be afraid to let your inner voice be heard. A creative idea will open up a window of opportunity. ☀★

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Resistance is futile. If you have an idea, follow through. It's what you do, not what you say, that will count in the end. Be true to your word and follow your dream; you'll gain respect. Romance is encouraged. ☀★

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Live your life your way. Don't allow anyone to interfere with your plans/goals. Surround yourself with people and things that inspire you to strive for perfection and fulfilling your dreams. Don't let emotions stand between you and success. ☀★★★

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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1	2	7	9	5	8	3	6	4
5	7	2	8	4	3	9	1	6
3	4	6	2	9	1	5	7	8
9	8	1	5	7	6	4	2	3

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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Wawrinka, Serena win Wimbledon opener

**LONDON** (AP)—Out of form and a set down to Grigor Dimitrov after just 23 minutes, Stan Wawrinka was just about the only person on Centre Court who believed he could win.

The three-time Grand Slam champion—whose ranking has fallen to 224 following knee surgery—proved himself right, rallying to defeat the sixth-seeded Dimitrov 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-4 at Wimbledon on Monday to claim just his second Grand Slam victory since last year's Wimbledon.

Wawrinka received a fillip earlier when his girlfriend Donna Vekic pulled off a top-10 triumph of her own, defeating fourth-seeded Sloane Stephens 6-1, 6-3.

"It was a good day for us at the office," Wawrinka said. "That's for sure."

After missing the second half of 2017 following surgery on his left knee, Wawrinka has struggled to regain his form since returning at the Australian Open in January.

The 33-year-old Swiss won just three matches across four tournaments at the start of the year, prompting him to take another three-month break.

The second edition of the comeback had been even more concerning, with just two wins in five tournaments climaxing with a thrashing from fellow long-term injury victim Andy Murray who, despite that victory, deemed himself unfit to compete at Wimbledon.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—This time, the short porch at Yankee Stadium ended up hurting the home team.

Even with one of baseball's tallest players posted at the wall.

Ronald Acuna Jr. hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning that nicked the glove of a leaping Aaron Judge in right field, and the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Yankees 5-3 on Monday in a matchup between the top teams in each league entering the night.

"It should give us a lot of confidence," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "It's good for our young guys that come into a place like this against a team like this, as good as they are, and play well."

Johan Camargo homered early and Jesse Biddle pitched out of a late jam for the NL East leaders, who followed up a three-game sweep in St. Louis with their fourth consecutive victory. Atlanta (49-34) is 15 games over .500 for the first time since the conclusion of the 2013 season.

New York (54-28) fell a game behind first-place Boston in the AL East.



**AP** Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka returns to Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria, during the men's singles first round match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Monday July 2, 2018.

Wawrinka's prospects at the All England Club were bleak, and appeared bleaker when he was drawn against 2014 semifinalist Dimitrov in the opening round. Wawrinka had never beaten a top-10 player on grass.

He found it. The Swiss doubled his winner count and lifted his first-serve percentage to level the set score

find (a) solution," said Wawrinka of his thought process after dropping the first set.

He found it. The Swiss doubled his winner count and lifted his first-serve percentage to level the set score



through a tiebreaker, and toughed out a high-quality third set via the same method.

Wawrinka's serve carried him to a 5-4 lead in the fourth, before he pounced on his first opening of the set to seal vic-

tory.

Vekic said after her win over the U.S. Open champion: "I'm really happy that I was the first one today so now I can watch him a little bit. It's not easy when there's two matches in one day, we're both kind of a little bit stressed but it's good if we both win."

Miami to the victory.

Anderson walked against Ryne Stanek (1-2) and took third on a single by J.T. Realmuto. Rivera, who entered as a defensive replacement in the ninth, then pulled a one-hopper up the line.

## Reds 5, White Sox 3

In Cincinnati, Alex Blandino's double in the eighth inning completed Cincinnati's four-run rally.

The Reds loaded the bases with one out against Chris Volstad (1-5). Adam Duvall grounded to first baseman Matt Davidson, who was indecisive. He took several steps toward first before throwing home too late to get Scooter Gennett scoring from third base.

## Tigers 3, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Jose Iglesias hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, and the Tigers earned their second straight victory following a season-long 11-game losing streak.

Niko Goodrum tripled off Seunghwan Oh (4-3) with one out and scored the winning run when Iglesias followed with a fly ball to right.

## Acuna's homer lifts Braves over Yanks in 11 innings

The 20-year-old Acuna also doubled and drove in three runs, four years to the day after the touted rookie signed with the Braves.

"First time here at Yankee Stadium," he said through a translator. "First home run at Yankee Stadium is very special to me."

Judge hit his 23rd homer and second in two nights. Gleyber Torres had three hits and scored twice, but the rookie second baseman's 10th error since he was called up April 22 helped Atlanta get started in the 11th.

Playing on the outfield grass, Torres booted Nick Markakis' leadoff grounder. One out later, Acuna lofted a 1-2 pitch from David Robertson (5-3) the other way. Judge, all 6-foot-7 of him, got in good position at the auxiliary scoreboard and jumped, but the ball glanced off the tip of his webbing and cleared the fence.

"He's got a save in Wrigley Field and Yankee Stadium. I mean, that's pretty good for a first-year reliever," Snitker said. "And you can tell, he's liking that situation, too. He doesn't back down. He's got a lot of confidence in himself."

**Red Sox 4, Nationals 3**  
In Washington, Rick Porcello

hit a three-run double off former teammate Max Scherzer and pitched six effective innings, leading the Red Sox to a over the Washington Nationals.

Scherzer and Porcello were teammates for five seasons with the Detroit Tigers.

## Indians 9, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Francisco Lindor homered twice and drove in a career-high seven runs, powering Cleveland to the road win.

Indians ace Corey Kluber (12-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings.

## Cardinals 6, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Yadier Molina homered, Carlos Martinez pitched six effective innings and the Cardinals ended a four-game losing streak.

Molina hit a two-run single in the Cardinals' four-run first inning against Robbie Ray (3-1) and hit his 12th homer off the left-hander in the sixth.

## Rockies 5, Giants 2

In Denver, Kyle Freeland

# Rondo to Lakers, Cousins heads to Warriors



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Point guard Rajon Rondo has agreed to a one-year, \$9 million deal with the Los Angeles Lakers, league sources said.

The Lakers came to an agreement with free-agent star LeBron James on Sunday and have been active in free agency, coming to terms with guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, center JaVale McGee and guard Lance Stephenson.

Rondo was excellent in the playoffs as the Pelicans swept the Portland Trail Blazers in the first-round of the Western Conference playoffs.

For the season in New Orleans, he averaged 8.3 points, 8.2 assists and four rebounds.

Rondo, 32, had spent the previous three seasons with four franchises after getting traded by the Boston Celtics to the Dallas Mavericks in 2014.

The four-time All-Star, who won a championship with Boston in 2008, has career averages of 10.5 points, 8.5 assists and 4.8 rebounds in 12 seasons with Boston, Dallas, Sacramento, Chicago and New Orleans.

He was the No. 21 overall pick in the 2006 NBA draft.

In other free agency reports, DeMarcus Cousins is heading to the Golden State Warriors, looking for a title.

Cousins agreed Monday to accept a one-year deal with the two-time defending NBA champions for \$5.3 million. The terms were confirmed to The Associated Press by a person directly involved in the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract has not been signed.

It's a low-risk, high-reward move for the Warriors, with Cousins set to return at some point this season once he completes his recovery from tearing his Achilles tendon in January.

And immediately, Cousins' soon-to-be teammates welcomed the move. "The 3rd splash Brother," Stephen Curry tweeted.



**AP**  
New Orleans Pelicans' Rajon Rondo (9) drives to the basket past Brooklyn Nets' Jahlil Okafor in this undated file photo.

Los Angeles Lakers hours earlier ESPN, which first reported the Rondo agreement, said it was a two-year, \$18 million deal.

In Phoenix, a person with knowledge of the situation says that Suns owner Robert Sarver and general manager Ryan McDonough are meeting with star guard Devin Booker to discuss a new contract.

The person sought anonymity because the meeting, to take place Tuesday in Los Angeles, was not publicly announced.

Booker, just 21 but entering his fourth NBA season, is considered the heart of the Suns' plans for the future and a strong candidate for a maximum contract.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated move, the Suns waived forward Alan Williams.

Williams, the 25-year-old son of Phoenix police Chief Jeri Williams, was raised in Phoenix. He played at Santa Barbara collegiately and for one season in China before signing with the Suns in 2015.

The 6-foot-7 big man with the nickname "Big Sauce" averaged 6.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game in 67 career games with Phoenix but missed virtually all of last season following knee surgery.

By making the move, the Suns no longer are responsible for the \$5.5 million Williams would have made had he remained on the team.

Phoenix also cut point guard Tyler Ulis as the team reshapes under new coach Igor Kokoskov.

A person with knowledge of the situation confirmed Sunday that the Suns had agreed to a one-year, \$15 million deal with 14-year NBA veteran guard Trevor Ariza.

The person asked for anonymity because signings can't be officially revealed during the current moratorium negotiating period.

Cousins averaged 25.2 points last season for New Orleans, and for his career the six-time All-Star averages 21.5 points and 11 rebounds. In New Orleans, Julius Randle is going to play alongside All-Star Anthony Davis. Randle agreed to sign with the Pelicans on Monday, doing so quickly after his rights were renounced by the Los

## LeBron's arrival transforms Lakers back into glamour show

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—From George Mikan to Kobe Bryant, superstars have been the Lakers' lifeblood for decades.

LeBron James is already the biggest star of his generation, and he followed a familiar path to Los Angeles' bright lights when he decided to sign with the Lakers as a free agent.

It's no coincidence that this glamorous, 16-time champion franchise has consistently attracted already great players with outsized ambition. The 33-year-old James has taken on the challenge that Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Shaquille O'Neal all accepted near the primes of their careers.

Becoming a basketball superstar is one thing, and

nobody is bigger than James after 15 prolific NBA seasons and three championships. Succeeding with the Lakers is something different, according to many of the men who have worn this gold jersey.

Just ask Bryant, who won two Olympic gold medals as James' teammate while spending his entire 20-year career with the Lakers.

"The NBA does better when the Lakers are at their highest potential," Bryant, who retired in 2016, told Fox Sports Radio on Monday. "And for the city of LA, it's important for us to have that star power. Jerry (West) was here. Elgin Baylor was here. Wilt was here. Magic was here. Cap (Abdul-Jabbar) was here. Shaq, myself, and

now let's carry it forward again. You've got LeBron here now. It's his turn now. Hopefully he can—which he will—take this franchise back to prominence."

Given the Golden State Warriors' addition of DeMarcus Cousins to what was already a ludicrously loaded roster, a championship seems logically out of reach for anybody else in the NBA. James already was aware of the upstate challenge he'll face after losing three of the last four NBA Finals to the Warriors in Cleveland.

And with innumerable variables still to be settled before the regular season, it's impossible to predict what James will be able to accomplish with a revamped Lakers roster.

But at least the worst half-

decade in franchise history should become a bad memory for Lakers fans, who seethed through five irrelevant seasons highlighted mostly by Bryant's retirement tour. The Lakers' 35 victories last year were their best performance during five years without a postseason game for a team that had never missed the playoffs more than two seasons in a row.

After James announced his decision to join the Lakers on a four-year, \$153.3 million deal Sunday, the Lakers' jersey sales skyrocketed and prices spiked on the secondary ticket market. Fans gathered among the statues in Star Plaza outside Staples Center, tossing chalk into the air in a simulation of James' famed gesture.

ing up to the Aug. 12 cutoff.

The 42nd Ryder Cup will be held at Le Golf National in Paris this September. Future venues include Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis., in 2020; the Marco Simone Golf & Country Club in Rome in '22; and Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y., in '24.

Europe has yet to announce the home courses for the 2026 and '30 Ryder Cups. After returning to Hazeltine (Chaska, Minn.) in '28, the next U.S. course will be The Olympic Club in San Francisco in 2032.



\$300,000—was his second-best finish of the season, behind only his tie for second at the Valspar Championship in March.

American Ryan Armour, runner-up at the Quicken Loans National, made the biggest jump within the top 100, going from No. 81 to No. 47. The top 15 remained the same, with Brooks Koepka holding the top spot, followed by Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Justin Thomas, Bubba

Watson, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler and Bryson DeChambeau for the eight automatic spots on the team. Webb Simpson is the first golfer off the cut line, sitting less than 170 points behind DeChambeau. The top eight spots will be determined based on points following the 100th PGA Championship scheduled to conclude

Aug. 12. Three additional spots will be named by captain Jim Furyk following the Dell Technologies Championship scheduled to finish on Sept. 3, with the final spot scheduled to be announced after the BMW

Championship slated to be completed on Sept. 9.

Woods was named a vice captain by Furyk in February, but said at the time that his goal was to earn a spot playing

**POTOMAC, Md.** (AP)—Tiger Woods may not have earned the win he coveted on Sunday, but his fourth-place finish at the Quicken Loans National did earn him one important distinction: Biggest mover in the U.S. Ryder Cup top 40.

Woods moved up 11 spots to No. 28 in the latest Ryder Cup standings announced Monday, his first time in the top 30 since reaching a 2018 high of No. 24 after consecutive top-5 finishes in March. His tie for fourth at TPC Potomac in Maryland—which earned Woods more than

# Villacrusis makes finals anew; More PBTs for swimmers

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The CNMI's Christian Villacrusis swam in a finals race anew in the 12th Oceania Swimming Championships, while his teammates got several more personal best times during the penultimate day of the competition in Papua New Guinea.

Villacrusis qualified to the B Finals of the 50m breaststroke event for his third finals stint in the tournament after clocking in at 34.16 seconds in the preliminary race last Thursday at the Taurama Aquatic and Indoor Centre in Port Moresby. The 18-year-old swimmer, who also advanced to the finals of the 100m and 200m breaststroke events, then submitted 33.54 seconds in the finale to



not only break his prelims time, but also his previous record (34.11 seconds).

Meanwhile, the Jacoby Winkfield-coached CNMI National Team earned seven more PBTs in last Thursday's races.

In the women's 50m breaststroke, Sophia Gauran's 41.35 seconds in the preliminary surpassed her old PBT of 41.91 seconds and was faster than Federated States of Micronesia and Tonga swimmers and two Solomon Islands bets.

Gauran also registered a PBT in the 400m freestyle after checking in at 5:33.96, nearly two seconds better than her previous mark (5:35.62). Jinju Thompson got a PBT, too, after logging 5:19.15 (from 5:19.78).

Jinnosuke Suzuki and Juhn Tenorio duplicated Gauran



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Christian Villacrusis checks his cap after racing in a local event at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool early this year.

and Thompson's feats when they raced in the same event. Jinnosuke timed in at 4:33.36, chopping off more than seven seconds from his old PBT (4:41.01), while Tenorio had an over a minute drop with his 4:54.37 (from 4:55.61).

Tenorio also achieved a PBT in the 200m backstroke after recording 2:34.03 in the preliminary race. He entered the event with a PBT of 2:37.61. Nelson Batallones was on the same heat and had the biggest time drop with his 2:46.40 (from 3:03.81).

Earlier in the Wednesday evening session of the tournament, Batallones' 34.62 seconds in the 50m backstroke shattered his old PBT of 35.09 seconds, while Tenorio produced the same results—30.74 seconds (from 31.36).

## BELGIUM

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"In football, sometimes you want to be perfect," Martinez said. "In the World Cup and especially in the knockout stage, it's about getting through."

Belgium, which narrowly avoided joining Germany, Argentina, Spain and Portugal as big-name eliminations, won all three of its group matches and scored a tournament-leading nine goals at that stage.

Japan narrowly scraped through, advancing ahead of Senegal because it had fewer yellow cards.

The Japanese have now lost in the round of 16 three times without ever reaching the quarterfinals.

"It wasn't the players," Nishino said. "Maybe it was me who lost control of the game."

## BRAZIL

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flopping to the ground in the area. A video review reversed the decision to award a penalty kick and Neymar's frustrations a few minutes later led to a yellow card.

Tite also played a big role in the victory over Mexico, deciding to replace Philippe Coutinho with Firmino. Fresh among tiring legs, Firmino was able to evade the defense to get in the right place to score the second goal.

Neymar, though, still led the celebrations, charging toward the corner flag. Tite came to join him.

With Germany, Argentina and Spain among the contenders already eliminated, Brazil's hopes of a sixth World Cup title have received an extra lift.

# CNMI Senior All-Stars lose to NZ in close match

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REPORTER

The CNMI Senior All-Star Team failed to sustain a good start, allowing New Zealand to steal a 4-3 victory yesterday in the 2018 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament at the Global Villages, Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

Traye Wildbore hit the dagger for New Zealand, delivering a two-run single at the bottom of the seventh inning with the CNMI just one out away from winning the match.

The Commonwealth players led, 3-0, after four and a half innings, but lost the driver's seat, no thanks to the Kiwis' three-run bottom of the seventh inning.

Aven Evangelista put the CNMI on the board on Dennis Cabrera's single, while



LITTLE LEAGUE PHILIPPINES  
A CNMI Senior All-Star Team runner slides home during their game against Indonesia in the 2018 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament last Monday at the Global Villages, Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

## DREAM

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"Protect this facility. It's yours and it will go to stay here for a very long time," said Torres, who disclosed that he met with Tan two years ago to discuss the project and they went to Guam to see for himself how such a facility will be very helpful to the CNMI, especially among the youth.

The facility houses a main pitch and one mini pitch, with both fields having artificial turf. It also has offices, a bleacher that can sit hundreds, and an ample parking lot. The pitches can hold games all day and throughout the year and the more than 1,000 registered players under NMIFA will be able to play matches in one big

venue in much safer conditions. With year-round tournaments, Tan said children and adults alike will stay active and that will help them live a healthier lifestyle.

"It's easier dealing with the right people with the right purpose and right dream," the governor added.

Tan envisioned the project after seeing the growing number of players getting into the sport.

"To fully realize the sport's potential, we have to develop a facility. People will come when we build a facility where they can enjoy and play. When we started soccer in 2005, it was very challenging for us to recruit players, but we never gave up. And through the help of many people, here and off-island, we are able to have

continued growth in terms on the number of players and the improvement of their skills, so we have to take it to the next level, which is to have a great facility," the NMIFA head said.

Patty Coleman, president of the pioneering NMIFA-member club Paire FC and among the few who played at makeshift and non-ideal pitches in the early times of the association, said she could still not believe the CNMI now has a facility like this.

"It's surreal. I am pretty excited with how the program will get better, as our players get used to playing here," Coleman said.

Bo Barry, who was among the youth players that kicked balls at the American Memo-

Josenio Alvarez's single also brought home Leveque Iguel at the top of the first.

Cabrera reached, too, off New Zealand's error at the top of the fifth, while the Kiwis ended their silence at the bottom when Isaac Matalavea made it home off the CNMI's defensive miscue.

Neither team scored in the sixth inning, and the CNMI was also shut down at the top of the seventh and last, giving New Zealand a chance to mount a comeback. The Kiwis did it with Liam Murray starting things out for their team, as his single drove in Harrison Wildbore and cut the deficit to one with only one out.

Murray then moved to second, while Irwin singled before Jayden Prestley flied out. Murray and Irwin eventually made it home when Wildbore hit the ball that came from Iguel—the third pitcher that the CNMI used in the last inning in its failed bid

to stop the Kiwis' uprising. With the sorry loss, the CNMI fell to a 1-2 record, but will still see action in today's playoff round. The team has yet to determine its rankings in the seven-squad field, as results of the two other games yesterday were unavailable at press time.

Guam, which held a 3-0 record before it played Hong Kong yesterday, is likely to finish at No. 1 and get the automatic semis berth. The CNMI and the five other squads will square off for the three remaining Final Four berth.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Major All-Stars bowed out of contention in the World Series qualifier in Seoul, South Korea after falling to Guam, 2-12. The Commonwealth bets dropped to a 0-3 record and will close out the elimination with a game against Indonesia today in Pool A. Only the Top 2 teams in Pools A and B will advance to the playoffs.

## BRAZIL

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ball. In a delayed reaction, Neymar made the most of Layun stepping on his ankle, rolling around with his hand covering his eyes.

The rapid recovery seemed miraculous.

"We wasted a lot of time because of one single player," Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio said, without naming Neymar. "I think this is a real shame for football, especially for kids who are watching because this has to be a sport of virility, of determination, a man's sport, like other games, and not a charade."

During the win over Costa Rica in the group stage, Neymar tried to win a penalty by

**SAMARA, Russia** (AP)— Flaunting his flair and his finishing touch wasn't enough. Neymar put his theatrics on show, too.

What became clear in Brazil's 2-0 victory over Mexico on Monday is that the wild side of the striker's character is going nowhere at this year's World Cup. And neither is Brazil.

"I don't much care for criticism," Neymar said, "not even for praise."

With a goal and an assist, Neymar propelled Brazil into the quarterfinals of a tournament it has won five times. He also extended his platform to show the world he is as good—or better—than Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

Although Neymar has scored only two goals in four games in Russia, he did enter the World Cup after spending three months recovering from a broken right foot. And it was the right foot that helped to break through Mexico's stern resistance in Samara.

After releasing Willian with a back-heel, Neymar raced into the penalty area and slid to tap his teammate's return cross into the net.

While his scoring is so often the focus, Neymar also creates goals for his teammates. A toe-poked attempt to beat Mexico goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa in the 88th minute was diverted into the path of Roberto Firmino, who scored with a tap-in just like Neymar did. The world's most expensive player has 11 goals and nine assists in his last 19 games for Brazil.

But before setting up the second goal it looked like Neymar's game—or even his World Cup—could be over with 20 minutes to go. It turned out to be pure histrionics. Writhing in agony after his right ankle was stepped on by Miguel Layun, Neymar managed to get back on his feet. But not before trying to step on Layun.

Both escaped punishment, but the judgment elsewhere was less forgiving, with Neymar asked after the match if he was a diva trying to draw fouls.

"I think it's more an attempt to undermine me than

anything else," Neymar responded.

The five-time World Cup

over Germany, setting the defending champions on the path to an early

exit. They caused problems for Brazil, too, initially.

But they couldn't find a way to stop Neymar.

"He's very agile. He's very fast," Brazil coach Tite said. "Is it wrong to feign, to provoke the players in the last third? It's not a sin."

Neymar's dispute with Layun unfolded as the Mexico substitute tried to recover the



champions will next face Belgium in the quarterfinals on Friday in Kazan. Brazil has reached that stage at every World Cup since 1994.

Mexico has now lost in the round of 16 at every tournament over the same period of time, extending its wait for the "quinto partido"—or fifth game—for at least another four years. The last time Mexico reached the quarterfinals was when the country hosted the tournament in 1986.

This year's World Cup had started so promisingly for Mexico. The team opened with a win



*Belgium passes test, Japan falls short*



A Japan supporter cries after the round of 16 match between Belgium and Japan at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Rostov Arena, in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, Monday, July 2, 2018.

area and Romelu Lukaku let it roll by for Chaldi to tap in with his left foot from 7 yards.

Belgium is the first team to overturn a two-goal deficit in a World Cup knockout match

since West Germany beat England in extra time at the 1970 tournament. The last team to

do it in regulation was when Portugal beat North Korea in the 1966 quarterfinals.

"It's a test of character. It's a test of the team," Belgium coach Roberto Martinez said. "You have to see how the substitutes react, how the whole team reacts."

Belgium will next face five-time champion Brazil in the quarterfinals on Friday in Kazan.

Japan led through early second-half goals by Genki Haraguchi and Takashi Inui, but they couldn't hold on.

"When we were up 2-0, I really wanted to score another goal and we did have opportunities," Japan coach Akira Nishino said. "We were to some extent controlling the game, but Belgium upped their game when they had to."

What was expected to be a mismatch ended up being a classic, partly because of Martinez's decisions to send on Fellaini and Chaldi as substitutes in the 65th minute.

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**ST. PETERSBURG, Russia** (AP)—Day by day, the heavyweights of international football are dropping out of the World Cup, and that's giving countries like Sweden reason to dream.

Lionel Messi and Argentina, along with Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal—the reigning European champion—were eliminated Saturday. A day later, Spain, one of the pre-tournament favorites, was upset by host nation Russia. Germany, the defending

world champion, never made it out of the group stage.

"Some of the results are purely fascinating," Sweden coach Janne Andersson said Monday, a day before his team plays Switzerland in the next-to-last game in the round of 16, "and it really shows that the greatest, biggest nations won't win all the time."

"That, to me, is a source of inspiration if anything."

The draw already guarantees that Sweden, Switzerland, Croatia, Russia, England or Colombia will be contesting the final in Moscow in less than two weeks. Only one of those countries—England, in 1966—has previously won football's greatest prize.

It's an opportunity Andersson could never have imagined when he took charge after Sweden got eliminated in the

group stage of the European Championship in 2016, and was soon to lose its biggest star, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, to retirement.

Sweden "had to rebuild from scratch," Andersson said, and that meant constructing a team no longer focused on one player. Instead, he instilled a team ethic and collective spirit that has made the Swedes a much tougher proposition.

After beating Italy over a two-legged playoff to qualify for the World Cup, Sweden topped a tough group containing Germany, Mexico and South Korea, and is two wins from emulating Sweden's class of 1994 that reached the World Cup semifinals.

"Ever since Janne took over, we've built and laid a new foundation," center back Andreas Granqvist said Monday,

adding about Ibrahimovic: "Others have been allowed to take a step forward when we lost one of the world's greatest footballers."

Those around the team hoped players such as striker Marcus Berg and playmaker Emil Forsberg would emerge from Ibrahimovic's shadow at the World Cup. But Sweden's success in Russia has largely come down to its obdurate defense, which kept clean sheets in victories over South Korea and Mexico.

**Sweden inspired by heavyweights' fall at the World Cup**



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# 'Dream come true'



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan gets ready to defend against the ceremonial kick from Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last night during the opening of the NMI Training Center in Koblerville.

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**W**hat started as a dream has turned into a reality, as the NMI Training Center in Koblerville opened yesterday with hundreds witnessing the inauguration of the state-of-the-art soccer facility.

"Dreams do come true," said Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, whose group worked with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the CNMI govern-

ment, East Asian Football Federation, Guam Football Association, Japan Football Association, and the private businesses in building the NMI Training Center since the project broke ground in 2016.



"This is the most exciting day of my life, seeing this facility and the kids loving to play here," added Tan, who led the opening of the training center along with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Saipan Mayor David Apatang, East Asian Football Federation and Korean Football Association president Chung Mong-gyu, other dignitaries, NMIFA and government officials, and off-island guests.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, eighth from left, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), sixth from left, and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, 10th from left, lead the ribbon cutting ceremony of last night's formal opening of the NMI Training Center in Koblerville.

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